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LITERATURE

Giovanni Maria Mastai, Pope Pius the Ninth -[Pio Nono, per Francesco Dall' Ongaro]. (Turin.)

The time is yet unripe for a comprehensive and well-balanced life of Pius the Ninth. Not a few years must pass before the horizon becomes clear enough, and the point of sight sufficiently distant, for the execution of a satisfactory portrait of the reformer of 1846; the friend of Austria in 1849; the weak and weary dupe of the Court of Rome. The political events which he alternately swayed and was swayed by, in Italy, do not, as yet, touch upon completion, and his negative influence still weighs too strongly upon her destinies to allow of an unprejudiced biography from the pen of either friend or foe.

The author of the little volume before us, Prof. Dall' Ongaro, is a dramatist, a lyric poet, whose works have been noticed in these columns. Besides being a writer and a poet, he has been for the last score of years a marked man among the partisans of the extreme left in the political events of Italy, and has gone through a chequered and picturesque career, from the pulpit and the confessional at Venice, passing through the battle-field and the siege of Rome, to a place in the journalistic and theatrical circles of Paris, and thence in brighter times back again to the tranquil honours of the Professor's chair, at Florence, which he now fills.

He is gifted with many qualifications which eminently fit him for a successful biographer: a clear eye, a vivid and characteristic way of handling the subject, a shrewd appreciation of the interests and motives which lie at the heart of the phases of historical change which he undertakes to examine, and a happy pictorial power of language, rare among modern Italian writers. Yet, with all this, he sketches the writers. Yet, with all this, he saccenes the career of Pope Pius at a disadvantage, for in his anxiety to show himself impartial, the effort to look from a point of view not properly his own is apt to make his glance vague and his hand unsteady, while its results will hardly be quite acceptable to the hearty supporters of either side of the question, inasmuch as the one camp will hold him guilty of excessive leniency towards the subject of his story, and the other will make his lack of severity an excuse for the unscrupulous assertion that, since so little has been said in unqualified blame by so stout a Republican, who may reasonably be supposed to exaggerate rather than to palliate the Holy Father's shortcomings, the proper inference is, that these supposed shortcomings are a mere invention of the enemies of religion and morality as typified in

The childhood and early life of Mastai were passed under the same influences as those of most of the young nobles of his country and day. He was born at Sinigaglia, a little old-world city of the Roman States, in the year 1792, and lived there under the heavy-browed roof of the family palace until he was eleven years old, when he was sent to Volterra for education at a college presided over by the well-known padre Inghirami. The young Mastai's abilities were by no means considerable; his character weak and irresolute; but he seems to have been "a good boy, who minded his book" and never got into trouble with his masters for insubordination or wilful idleness. At seventeen, he

activity. How strangely to us now, through the haze of nearly half-a-century, shows the figure of Pio Nono, the young élégant of Sini-gaglia; his smooth face all smiles of wellpleased vanity, and his cheeks and eyes a-light pleased vanity, and his cheeks and eyes a-light with strong exercise; coatless and hatless, his fine frilled shirt tied up with pink ribbons, as is still the costume of pallone players on "solemn" play-days in the towns of Italy, bounding along, or striking the ball high into the air, amid the applause of the admiring townsfolk, on a quaint, picturesque pallone ground, probably skirting the grey battlemented wall of some small Romagnole city, which little dreamed then of harbouring the future Vicegerent of Heaven in the pleasantfuture Vicegerent of Heaven in the pleasantspoken stripling whose address it admired!

Our author vaguely hints at some romantic love passage which found place in Mastai's early years. A beautiful Roman princess; a carriage overturned on its way to the shrine of Loreto; a fortunate rival who had the good luck to rescue the lady from peril, and, for a-while at least, was permitted to bask in her smiles; are the principal features of this episode, which are just touched on in passing, as, in truth, they seem to have left little or no afterimpression on the heart of their hero. Ill-fortune appears to have dogged him in all his younger aspirations. A passing intimacy with some of the officers of the ill-starred Murat's army gave him a longing to try a military career, and his uncle, a prelate at the Court of the newly-restored Pope, obtained for him a lieutenant's commission in the Papal Guard. Before he had joined the corps, however, his unfortunate attacks of epilepsy became known to the military authorities, and again his hopes received a check in the intimation that he could not be permitted to serve in the army. It was then that Mastai, in disgust and bitter disappointment at the weary and aimless life which lay before him, resolved on entering the Church, and, soon after taking orders, retired into the Ospizio di Giovanni, a species of Seminary at Rome, where he gave himself up to the laborious duties of a teacher, and lived in a monotonous round of tranquil hourly employment, greatly improved in health, and absorbed in a trance of passive obedience and a superstitious fatalism, which made him look upon the change in his way of life as the fruit of a special interposition in his behalf of the Virgin, to whose service he had vowed himself, like the paladins of old to their ladyes. A curious and characteristic scene is that mentioned by Prof. Dall' Ongaro as having taken place about this period of Mastai's life, and in which the young ecclesiastic took a principal part, at his native town of Sinigaglia. The scene in question was enacted on the occasion of a "Mission," which is described as

never got into trouble with his masters for insub-ordination or wilful idleness. At seventeen, he was attacked for the first time with the epileptic disease to which he has ever since been subject,

and the state of his health obliged his parents to recall him home, and release him, by medical advice, from every species of study. Thus passed the years of adolescence of the future Pope in the rather monotonous occupations and pastimes of the Italian provincial nobles of that day. Mastai's person was good; his address far from inelegant, and he especially prided himself on his proficiency in the manly exercises most in vogue among his compers, such as riding, shooting, and pallone playing, a kind of game of ball much in favour with young Italians, especially of the lower provinces of the peninsula, requiring no small degree of skill and activity. How strangely to us now, through the haze of nearly half-a-century, shows the Smigagins, ne celebrated in entry into the alocese by the performance of one of these sacred dramas, in which the young Mastai, who had recently taken orders, was invited to enact the part of the converted sinner. Sinigaglia once more beheld the unlucky suitor of the princess Albani, the brilliant pallone player, the young Count whose birth and personal accomplishments had seemed to prepare him for a very different career, clothed in the sober cassock of the priest. The people were surprised and moved at the sight. He was applauded with tears. Miracles were wrought and prophecies uttered. A young girl of the name of Ferretti, almost an idiot, recovered her reason, and predicted to the young missionary a future full of greatness

> From this time forth Mastai began to devote himself with peculiar ardour to the worship of the Virgin; he became shortly afterwards a Canon of "Santa Maria Inviolata," and, very probably, began already to entangle his intellect in the theological subtleties of that dogma of the Immaculate Conception, the promulgation of which was to be the work of his declining years.

> Another of the results of what may be called, in artistic phrase, the future Pontiff's "second manner," was his expedition to Chili, as the coadjutor of the Apostolic Vicar, Monsignor Muzzi. The new-born zeal of Mastai anticipated a halo of triumph to be won in the steps of the canonized missionaries of old time among the virgin solitudes of the New World. He spared no pains to obtain the appointment, utterly disregarding the entreaties and dissua-sions of his family, and especially his mother, whose anxious forebodings sorely exaggerated the perils of the charge for her darling son.

> The mission to South America, however, only added one more to the list of Mastai's early failures. Instead of finding himself called upon to do battle with the monstrous deities of heathen superstition, he was destined to take part in the thorny negotiations which were set on foot to free the privileges of the Romish clergy from danger of aggression at the hands of the ever-changing leaders of the Chilian Government. Monsignor Muzzi acquitted himself of his charge far more satisfactorily than his coadjutor, who was for urging exorbitant demands on the Republic.

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On his speedy return to Rome, Mastai did not continue his diplomatic career, but was made Bishop of Castello and Director of the Hospital of St. Michael, which unites the various attributes of a college, a prison, a house of refuge and a penitentiary. The duties of this onerous post the newly-made Bishop is said to have discharged with a degree of hard methodical sternness, very unlike his previous methodical sternness, very unlike his previous easy and engaging, though shallow and unstable, disposition, which by no means endeared him to the inmates of the Hospital, but effectually pointed him out to the notice of the Court of Rome as a fit recipient for future favours and dignities; and shortly previous to 1831 he was advanced to the Archbishopric of Spoleto.

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place in that year throughout Romagna and the Marches brought the Archbishop for the first time into full contact with the political currents of Italy. He met them, as Signor Dall' Ongaro well observes, in a manner which shadowed forth in little his later and more momentous rôle as the so-called leader of Italian nationality when seated on the throne of St. Peter. At first he lent a willing ear to the complaints and expostulations of his oppressed countrymen, assisted in the measures set on foot for raising the National Guard, and took a principal part in the dismissal of over-rigorous Government officials. But when the wave of revolt rose higher, and troops of volunteers began to rally round the Provisional Government established at Ancona, while Austria, longing to interfere, yet hesitated before pouring her ferocious soldiery into the rebellious Marches, Mastai's constitutional faint-heartedness got the better of his plausible good-nature; the ties between him and the ultra-Jesuit party, never broken, though for awhile relaxed, became once more his leading-strings of action, and he hastily passed the Roman frontier "and took refuge in a part of his diocese which extended into the Kingdom of Naples, intending to return when matters should have blown over." It was not until Austrian bayonets were gleaming through the delinquent provinces, the Provisional Government put to flight, and the volunteers dispersed, that the prudent Archbishop returned to his palace at Spoleto, full of gracious words and promises of pardon to the unhappy rebels, not a few of whom were thus tempted to lean upon the broken reed of priestly clemency and give themselves up to the mercy of the Papal Court. No sooner, however, was all danger from the Revolutionary party entirely over than, as if dreading the inferences to be drawn from his too great indulgence towards the "factious Mastai openly joined in the persecution with which they were visited, and made one of Cardinal Bernetti's Commission for the conviction and punishment of the revolutionaries and their accomplices.

A fearful reckoning was that of 1831, between the Romagnoles and their oppressors; a reckoning certainly unsurpassed, if equalled, in the records of the harshest and fiercest of military despotisms. The axe and the state-prison cell, worse a hundred times than any swift form of death; the penalty of fine and exile, dealt out stolidly and implacably as only a Cardinal Secretary knows how to deal them, cleared the land at last of the open disturbers of its stupor; and Mastai from first to last made one of that sanguinary Commission, thereby drawing down on himself such a measure of dislike and mistrust in his diocese of Spoleto that it was thought prudent very shortly to remove him to the less dignified but more lucrative See of Imola, which is considered a sure stepping-stone to the dignity of

the Cardinal's hat.

It has been asserted that Mastai during these earlier years of probation never aspired to the crowning dignities which lay before him; but our author records a little anecdote of those first years at Imola which, if authentic, would point to a very different conclusion. The Cardinal's hat, he says, being slow in making its appearance, owing, probably, to the slight esteem in which the wavering Bishop was held as a public man, he was fain to muffle up the scarlet furniture and hangings with which he had newly set out his throne-room in expectation of his advance in dignity, under covers of a different and more sober tint. A little harmless simulation of heavenly-minded humility could hardly be difficult to

one who was wont (as Prof. Dall' Ongaro confesses while defending him as the scarcely responsible agent of a system) "to burn one taper to God and another to the devil; in other words, to cry down with the Liberal party the atrocious measures of the Roman Government, and to pray with the Jesuits for the total extermination of heretics and Carbonari."

The aversion with which, during the time preceding his pontificate, he regarded the sbirri of Gregory the Sixteenth, his biographer attributes partly to the effect produced on his mind by the horrible murder committed by them, under his own eyes, in the Cathedral of Imola, where a young man, pursued for some political crime, was poniarded while clinging for rescue to the Bishop's robe, whose white folds were sprinkled with the victim's blood. Truly, the difference is wide between signing a death-warrant and carrying it into execution, and Mastai's nerves shuddered,—very possibly his heart revolted at the sight of such butchery. From this time he passed into the phase of his "third manner," the fading out of which was destined to cost Italy such tears of blood.

In 1846 died Pope Gregory, the harsh, implacable, learned Epicurean, beside whose desolate death-bed it is said no humble attendant remained to minister in his long agony. The Pope's death checked a fresh insurrection in the Roman States and their capital at the very moment of its outbreak. The whole of Italy was seething for united action; but all parties paused an instant to watch the issue of the Conclave, confident that the new Pontiff, be he whom he might, must needs set out by a path of policy differing widely from that of the last reign.

At the death of Gregory, Prof. Dall' Ongaro's Memoir necessarily ceases to deal with matter less known, and, consequently, more attractive, especially to English readers, and proceeds to trace the public career of the new Pope, through which we have no intention of following him. The election of such a man at such a period of difficulty and confusion is by no means an unique case in the annals of the Papacy. Mastai's chief merit in the eyes of his brother cardinals, and that which certainly elevated him to the throne, was that very instability of character which pointed him out as a puppet, to be turned and shifted by the impulse of stronger wills than his own, and as the readiest means of excluding the wily, despotical Lambruschini, and the harsh, austere Micara, whom they dreaded equally, and who were the foremost candidates of all the Sacred College, from wearing the tiara.

Prof. Dall' Ongaro represents Pius the Ninth as having set out with towering pretensions to the obedience and submission due to infallible wisdom and irresponsible sway; and he tells us that the new-made Pope was, ere long, utterly distraught and dizzied by the whirlpool of intrigues and fierce conflicting influences in which he found himself helplessly involved. In illustration of the state of things at Rome, he records a good anecdote of Gregory the Sixteenth, who, when enraged one day beyond endurance by the obstinacy and litigiousness of some of the Cardinals, is said to have called out, after his rough, unmannerly fashion, to his red-robed councillors—"I say, gentlemen! how many Popes have we here?" To which Lambruschini drily and pithily made answer—"Just seventy-two, your Holiness,"—alluding to the number of the Cardinals. What chance, pleads the biographer, could the pliant, timid Mastai have to carry out his better inspirations

in such an atmosphere as that which constantly baffled his stiffnecked predecessor?

Prof. Dall' Ongaro leads his readers conscientiously, if not minutely, through the splendours of the sweeping amnesty with which Pope Pius began his reign; and the first semblan of zealous reform, which, while it dazzled the whole Catholic world, was, in fact, hollow at the core, and devoid of all vitality, from the impossibility of its accomplishment by a power whose essence is its immobility and irresponsibility. The Pope's subsequent hesitations and backslidings, and his terror when the first pulses of the mighty forces he had set in motion, made themselves felt to the ends of Europe, while all Italy clung frantically to him as to its redeemer, are likewise skilfully touched; and so on runs the tale, through the well-worn but moving incidents of the epidemic of constitutional liberty which, taking its rise at Rome, kindled into vivid life the whole Peninsula; the heroic expulsion of Austria from Milan and Venice; the gallant but desperate chances of the Italian campaign; and the Pontiff's cowardly defection from the national cause, which began with the famous encyclic letter of April, 1848, and ended with his ignominious flight to Gaeta. To a mind constituted like that of Mastai, after the first false step in his political career, nothing could be easier nor more certain than his descent to the lowest depths of this degradation; for, vain and desirous of applause to excess, the very first symptoms of coldness and disapprobation on the part of his people, consequent on his desertion, impressed him with a sense of being sorely ill-used and treated by them with the deepest ingratitude, and made him more than ever plastic to the will of Austria and the efforts of the Cardinals to urge him back upon his steps. With Antonelli for his master in statecraft and conscience-keeper, and fanatical visions of the Madonna Immacolata and Santa Filomena for his inspiration, what better could have been expected of him than the speedy fading out of the cloud-castle he had evoked?

The story of his vacillations during the eventful 1848 has become, in twenty different shapes, matter of history, and as such we have no need to meddle with it, but we must find space for the fresh reading of that dark and mysterious episode of the troubled time, the assassination of Count Rossi, which Prof. Dall' Ongaro gives, as one who speaks with authority. The unfortunate Rossi had been, just previous to his murder, the statesman to whom Pope and Cardinals in the dilemma of their false position had turned for aid and counsel. Rossi, whose policy was thoroughly anti-Piedmontese, and opposed to that of the majority of the Roman Liberals, advised a coalition with Ferdinand of Naples, who had not as yet virtually revoked his new constitution by the massacre of the 15th of May. "Rossi thought," says Prof. Dall' Ongaro, "to be able successfully to organize lower Italy, and, by forming an alliance between Rome and Naples on the basis of moderate constitutional liberty, to change the place of the political lever of Italy and destroy the influence of Piedmont for ever."

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Perhaps our author's republicanism goes for not a little in the view he takes of the crime which removed this enemy of "Piedmontese influence," and of its probable authors; but it must be confessed, that the following is a grave accusation against the party of his political opponents, far too grave to be put forth, unless backed up by stronger testimony than Prof. Dall' Ongaro thinks it needful to adduce to its truth. Gioberti, be it premised, was just then

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A preparatory meeting on the subject was held, at which were present several deputies from the political clubs of Rome, such as Mamiani, Sterbini and Canino, and all those who had still faith in Piedmont. Here was planned I will not say the death, but the discomfiture, of Rossi. Here was the sentence passed, which was afterwards executed by an unknown hand. This occurred on the 15th of November, 1848. The programme of Rossi could not even be proposed to the Chambers, much less carried out by them. The torrent of Piedmontese influence, having broken its banks, thenceforth overflowed Central Italy anew. From every part of the Peninsula the youth of the every part of the Peninsula the youth of the country, full of courage and impatience, bent their eyes on Rome. The Cardinals trembled in their scarlet robes; the Pope, who had put faith in Rossi's experience, contented himself with saying, "It was sure to end so!"

We cannot help thinking that so grave an accusation as this ought to be either abandoned or more thoroughly brought home to those on whom it weighs.

On the whole, although this can by no means be considered as the definitive biography of Pius IX. it is, for the nonce, an extremely acceptable compendium, certainly the fairest and most impartial which has yet been given to the public of him.

A Residence at Nagasaki and Hakodate in 1859-1860. With an Account of Japan generally.
By C. Pemberton Hodgson, late H.B.M.
Consul at those Ports. With a Series of
Letters on Japan, by his Wife. (Bentley.)

THE Empire of Japan is now entering upon a phase through which the greater part of Europe has happily passed: the overthrow of the feudal system. Independent of the differences existing between the temporal and the spiritual head of the realm, there are two political par-ties violently opposed to each other, and corties violently opposed to each other, and cor-responding in some measure with our great Liberal and Conservative factions, with, how-ever, this difference, that they are armed not only with the sharp word of eloquence, but the still more unscrupulous deadly weapon of im-mediate vengeance. The Liberal party, at the head of which stands the present Siegoon or Tracon, the temporal Emperor is for maintain-Tycoon, the temporal Emperor, is for maintaining the various treaties recently concluded with foreigners, and the free admission of strangers to Japan; the Conservatives are, on the contrary, opposed to foreigners, wish to cancel the new conventions, expel all non-Japanese, and restore the pristine isolation of the country. It is thought that most of the murders and attempts at the murder of foreigners have been committed at the direct instigation of the re-actionary party, and that the present government is really sincere when deploring and disavowing these unhappy occurrences. As yet, the two parties are so nicely balanced that neither can attempt any strong measures. But rapid changes are taking place, and a great crisis is evident. Notwithstanding all the efforts made by the Conserwithstanding all the ettorts made by the Conservatives, the Liberal party is gaining ground, and a new element is coming to its aid. The voice of the people, so long dormant, is, at last, beginning to be heard. A spirit of Radicalism seems to be rising up, viewed by the Conservatives with undisguised disgust. Intercourse with strangers has taught the merchants and people, both despised classes, to discontinue

most busily promulgating his vague doctrines of the confederation of the Italian States and the enlarged freedom of their peoples:

A preparatory meeting on the subject was held, at which were present several deputies from the political clubs of Rome, such as Mamiani, controlled and Canino and all those who had still. The merchants, suffering under serious social The merchants, suffering under serious social disabilities, have discovered that money has great weight, and that a man may rise from a humble position to a two-sworded dignity. They begin to envy the privileges their despised foreign brethren enjoy. Why should they not be allowed to ride on horseback? why not wear two swords? why not have a country house, and an office in town? why not read all books accessible?—are becoming every-day cuestions. questions.

All may go well, and a civil war may be averted, if the foreigners are able to keep their ground. But should the numerous provocations offered, the open murders committed, and the restrictions placed on a freer commercial intercourse, wear out the patience of the strangers, and lead to an abandonment, or partial abandonment, of this newly-opened market, it is not unlikely that the re-actionary party may once more gain the upperhand, and make as clean a sweep of the new-fangled commercial and political notions as it made centuries ago of Christianity and its professors. Mr. Hodgson urges for bearance, patience, prudence, three qualities in which he thinks the foreign traders have been deficient. The Currency questions, which caused so much ill blood, he thinks might have been more amicably settled if the foreign community had shown more patience and less avariciousness. No standard of exchange had been previously agreed upon by treaty; all the moneys of the foreigners were new to the Japanese, and the question was on the point of being satisfactorily adjusted, thanks to the energy and tact of our minister and his colleagues, when-

"Merchants, or men calling themselves so, owning only some thousand dollars, put down appliof 'Nonsense,' 'Snooks,' 'Jack Ketch,' 'Walker,' 'Brown,' 'Jones,' and 'Robinson.' Our minister nobly and instantly branded this outrage on the delicacy and respect due to the panic-struck officials with the epithets such ignoble conduct justly merited. Yet these were the men whom the unknown millions of Japan were to receive and welcome! They asked from the treasury of Kana-gawa, on the 2nd Nov. 1859, only four months after the opening of the port, exchange in itzabous for 1,200,666,778,244,601,066,953 dollars!!! Was this fair, was it honourable, was this the way to win them over;—to wring out of them a treaty, and then insult them in their own treasury and in the presence of their officials? Mockery has its the presence of their officials? Mockery has its limits, even where ignorance is speechless; patience and good-breeding may support, but cannot pardon, ridicule and coarseness. Can they like or respect such specimens of their new friends? What followed? No mint could meet such exorbitant demands. Paris, London, New York, all the capitals united, could not have supplied these existence in Evaluate was stepred, they are described. capitals united, sould not have supplied these exi-gencies. Exchange was stopped—then trade; then idleness on the part of the foreigners. On the part of the Japanese, one feeling predominated and still predominates—a regret that they conceded a treaty to the Americans, a bitter repentance of the sig-natures of 1854, which the voice of their gods told them plainly was the death-warrant of their former bliss and contentment. The Japanese have gained nothing. They have sold gold at 100 per cent. profit to the foreigner—they have received a few presents; but they are sick of us, and view with with strangers has taught the merchants and people, both despised classes, to discontinue their implicit and blind obedience in their chiefs; former humility is decreasing, the belief that the laws and customs of the country are capable of some improvement is

we to profit by their generosity and abuse their confidence! They have been insulted; they have revenged themselves. Blood has reddened the Japanese sword, and yet we, unmindful of the provocation, already cry for vengeance. We are the lambs, the Japanese the butchers. Believe it not, my friends in England and France! The Japanese are a race worthy of our esteem and affection. The foreigners they have to meet with have disampointed foreigners they have to meet with have disappointed and wounded them in their pride, their sensibility, their institutions, their habits, their hopes, and their desires. Let England and France pause, before ordering one gun to be fired on a Japanese!

Passion may be difficult to control, but history will not be the less severe."

We have given the opinion of Mr. Hodgson in extenso, as expressed in the Introduction, because we think his voice ought to be heard at the present juncture, when we are about asking reparation for the outrage committed on our countrymen. We do not profess to admire the tone of the pleading, which somewhat reminds us of the language held by the Peace-at-any-price party, and which, moreover, is somewhat in contradiction to the facts furnished and the opinions advanced in the body of the work. We should think that the Japanese had gained a great deal if the treaties had done nothing more than rouse them from their stupor, and allow them to enter upon those reforms which will some day assimilate them to Europeans. Mr. Hodgson himself supplies instances where the officials had it perfectly in their power to effect the desired exchange, and yet preferred to refuse the favour asked. Was it to be wondered at that the asked. Was it to be wondered at that the foreign merchants waxed wroth when they found "a complete stagnation of all trade found "a complete stagnation of all trade ensued. Ships which I had found in harbour on my arrival (June 4th), were still lying there on the 1st of August, although their expenses must have been very great." Nor are these the only contradictions apparent between the opinions contained respectively in the Intro-duction and the body of the book, making one almost fancy that the former had been supplied by a different head by a different hand.

Mr. Hodgson was appointed officiating Consul at Nagasaki on the 18th of June, 1859, and was the first who hoisted the British Jack in Japan on that day. His stay at this place lasted only a few months, when he was transferred to Hakodate. From the latter place he made four excursions in the interior, visiting parts which had never before been explored, and meeting with scenery of unsurpassed beauty. In some of these excursions he was accompanied by Mrs. Hodgson, a lady who has contributed to this volume a series of letters full of agreeable chit-chat and gossip. Ladies will be amused at all the by-play brought here to light —how the European dresses got mouldy,—what the Japanese ladies thought of them and the sweet bonnets,—how the nasty mosquitoes stung, the horrible serpents crawled about, and those dreadful rats danced in the rooms with which the party had been accommodated in a heathen temple. Then, of course, there are important revelations about culinary affairs—how the family was bent on short commons. important revelations about culinary alfairs—how the family was kept on short commons, and had to eat omelet for breakfast, dinner and supper,—how the Japanese beauties were dressed, and all the fuss made about Mrs. Hodgson's little girl,—how it was loaded with sweetmeats and toys by these islanders, how fondled by these child-loving people, and how the good-natured nurse would screen the little thing when it attempted to imitate these Pagans thing when it attempted to imitate these Pagans the water-pond. But perhaps our lady readers would like to hear Mrs. Hodgson relate when she, the first English lady, landed at Nagasaki: in smoking, or pushed its kind protectress into

"The same day Mr. Hodgson took me, Eva, and Sarah on shore in one of the 'Sampson's' boats. It was very foolish of us, perhaps, but we were all desirous of seeing the people and shops. Unfortunately it was a great festival, and many thousands were in the streets. I believe I was the first lady who had been seen in the town,—certainly Eva was who had been seen in the town,—certainly 14-was the first child,—so the curiosity was excessive, and eventually very distressing. My husband would not turn back at first, thinking the crowd would soon separate, but it was quite the reverse. We got so far that we really did not know what to do, and tried to get into a shop, as I was almost frightened to death, to escape from the multitude of our admirers; but this had no effect. The proprietor, instead of receiving us hospitably, was even brutal, making hideous grimaces, growing pale with fury, nor would he allow us to remain a minute or view anything in his shop. So we were obliged to make the best of it; and as it was no use being angry with 5,000 persons all around us, we determined on going back to the boat as soon as possible.

On the way poor Eva began crying; but the On the way poor Eva began crying; but the brutes only laughed the more, and touched her frock and hat, trying to look at her hair and net, while another man was running by my side lifting my gown and flounces in order to take portraits of them. He ran by my side for several hundred yards, making hideous sketches of us, until we reached the landing-place, when, to our great vexation, we found the boat had left; but the custom-house officers behaved very well, invited us to sit down within their railings, and did their utmost to keep off the mob. This, however, was quite an impossibility even for Japanese officers, who generally can, singly, awe a large assemblage, so anxious were they to see the last of us. I believed it was only curiosity at first, but am not so sure now, since I have had time to reflect on

When our author commenced this book, on the 4th of April, he had read no other published work on Japan but Thunberg's 'Flora Japonica.' We are sorry to hear it, because that work does not hold a high rank in the branch of science to which it relates; and there are several publications on Japan, of recent date, that might have been perused with advantage, and prevented occasional blunders. As far as his own observations and experience go, we are ready to grant that he has furnished much valuable information that will help to fill up the broad gaps in our knowledge of Japan; but when he begins to speculate or draw conclusions, he is not always happy. From the well-known resemblance which many of the ceremonies of Buddhism bear to those of the Roman Catholic religion, he rashly concluded that they are the débris of the former power of the Jesuits; whilst it is an historical fact, that Buddhism is much older than the Roman Catholic form of worship,—and if there were any connexion between the two, it is certainly not Buddhism which has borrowed. For this reason, we believe our author deceives himself when he fancies there are more than 80,000 persons who still profess Christianity; nor do we share his supposition that the "Ainos," the humbled and humble aborigines of Japan, are disguised Christians. We are also sceptical about the success that would attend the spread of the Roman Catholic religion if it ever was openly tolerated. The Japanese are admitted by our author to be a thinking people. All the educated classes have, professedly, very little or no religion; the great bulk of the people is devoted to Buddhism—more a philosophical system than a religion, as modern researches seem to prove; whilst the State acknowledges "Sintooism, the basis of which, at all events, appears to be the belief in one great God, and a repugnance to all that bears a resemblance to idolatry. Under these circumstances, we think that

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The Appendix contains a list of nearly all the Japanese plants at present known, drawn up by Mr. Black, the intelligent Curator of the Kew Herbarium, and communicated by Sir William Hooker. We are sorry to find that our author has not made use of this valuable catalogue in correcting the names he himself introduces. We meet with Mimosa sensitiva, a plant foreign to Japan; Pania officinalis, for P. moutan; and the antiquated name of Bignonia tomentosa, instead of Paulownia imperialis or tomentosa, a tree which, in conjunc-tion with Rhus vernix, supplies the real Japanese

When we have taken exception to several statements and opinions, we have no wish to speak slightingly of the work as a whole. It will be valued as the production of an author who had good means of observation, but who does not shine in the second part, of which all true science is made up—speculation. Let him, by all means, tell us all he has seen and heard; but not spoil his labours by indulging in such wild dreams as that of Noah selecting Japan for colonization, after leaving the Ark, and advising his family to emigrate when becoming too numerous. A better book might be spoilt by such nonsense.

The Young Stepmother: a Chronicle of Mistakes. By the Author of 'The Heir of Redclyffe,' &c. (Parker, Son & Bourn.)

THERE is about as much reading in this one volume as in three ordinary three-volume novels, and no one can complain that, in making an investment in 'The Young Stepmother,' they have not got their money's worth of paper for their money. It would fill up a month of wet days in a country house. It is impossible not to become, to a certain degree, interested in the detail of the daily life of the luckless young stepmother; and yet it is real hard work to follow her through the minute history of every day, and almost of every hour of the day, in dreary up-hill task of humanizing her step-children and taming and softening their melancholy, morose father. Albinia's is a fine character,-courageous, impetuous, full of life and spirit, with a restless craving for "work," and an unlimited supply of energy and goodnature. Full of ardour for "something to do," she leaves her bright and happy home in her brother's parsonage, where she is adored both by himself and his merry little Irish wife, for the sake of consoling an inconsolable elderly widower, in weak health, of a gloomy temperament, residing in a damp, dark, unwholesome house, in a dull country town, and possessing three of the most odious children it has ever been our fate to meet with, either in a book or in real life. At first Albinia looks forward with hope and resolution to her future fate. She intends to cure her husband of giving vent to "suppressed sighs," and speaking in "a voice of subdued melancholy." She makes up her mind that she "could bear to have his late wife's memory first with him," and she knows she "could not compensate to him for his loss," but trusts that in time he may appear a little less dejected. She vainly tries to coax the sulky schoolboy, with a toothache, into good-humour; to put sense into the foolish, affected, gossipping Lucy; even hopes in time to make something out of the languid, sickly Sophia, with her downcast looks and forbidding manner. Nothing can be more unpromising than her commencement. Though Gilbert takes a fancy to her, and soon becomes Protestant missionaries stand quite as good a quite "her pet," he is weak, untruthful, and

fond of low company. fond of low company. Lucy gossips away right and left, makes mischief between Albinia and the Meadowses (mother and sister of the first Mrs. Kendal), and spreads reports of her stepmother's sayings and doings all over Bayford. As for Sophy, she baffles all attempts at sociability, and till (in the course of a year or two) she half kills Albinia's baby and nearly breaks her own neck, she remains as perverse and moody as before. Worried and dispirited, Mr. Kendal gives happiness up as a bad job, and retires to his study, where he locks his door upon all intruders—his young wife included,—and takes heed of naught that passes in his uncongenial household.

Out of doors things are very little better; the town is dirty, and fevers abound; the pond exhales thick poisonous vapours. The neighbours are second-rate and meddlesome; the Meadows family interfering and censorious, and the children aggravating. After her first confinement, poor Albinia completely breaks down in health and spirits, and her brother and sister-in-law come to her assistance. They keep her quiet, rouse Mr. Kendal, get Gilbert sent off to a private tutor's, and take Lucy away with them on a visit. Winifred takes the opportunity of telling Sophy, in very plain terms, what she thinks of her conduct, and Maurice fills up the obnoxious pond, and from that hour matters improve with the young Stepmother. Then the elderly Miss Meadows marries a former lover of the days of her youth, and the old lady is imported into the house at Willow Bank-a great infliction in itself, but a blessing, inasmuch as she deprives Mr. Kendal of his beloved study, and thereby obliges him to consort more with the rest of the family. Backed up by her brother and Mr. Dusantoy, the excellent clergyman of Bayford, Albinia next induces her husband to take a little interest in public affairs, and he becomes in time a churchwarden, a magistrate, and a useful man of business in the parish. The stepchildren gradually grow up, and cause much anguish and tribulation of mind to poor Mr. Kendal by falling in love with all the wrong people. Lucy makes what is called "a good marriage," and is wedded to a rich man and a conceited fool, in spite of the indignant remon-strances and tearful entreaties of Albinia. Gilbert becomes enamoured of a fascinating French teacher, who wins the hearts of all the young men within her reach, and is really a charming little thing, and deservedly beloved by everybody in the book. Poor, ugly, morbid Sophy forms an attachment to a rollicking young Irishman, but Ulick O'Moore has the good taste to prefer Généviève; and Sophy finds out she has chosen the Human and left the Divine, and makes up her mind to be a very hardworking old maid, and takes to Albinia's children and makes herself generally useful in the world. Of course, poor Mrs. Kendal takes blame to herself for everything that goes wrong, and her feelings of remorse at every slight contretemps are bitter and exaggerated. Her brother endeavours to persuade her, that, although she may have made a few blunders here and there, still, take it all in all, she has faithfully and earnestly done her best, and the result lies in other hands than her own. This is, we presume, the moral of the book; but we have our doubts whether these kind of books, good and useful as they doubtless are in many ways for young ladies who are not allowed to peruse regular novels, may not tend to encourage in others too close a scrutiny into the various shades of their own and their neighbours' characters. Each little failing, merit, tendency or habit, is here examined under a powerful microscopic lens, and analyzed and and a its cir (Re THIS Chiru insult writer

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some one to a young mind.

'The Young Stepmother' is far from being so interesting as 'Heartsease,' or 'The Heir of Redclyffe;' but it is much of the same calibre as 'Dynevor Terrace' and 'The Daisy Chain.' and as such will, we have no doubt, meet with its circle of admiring readers.

Memoir of Baron Larrey, Surgeon-in-Chief of the Grande Armée. From the French. the Grande Armée. (Renshaw.)

THIS absurd sketch of the first Napoleon's Chirurgien-en-Chef is at the same time an insult to the memory of the celebrated man its writer professes to admire, and an impertinence to "the officers of the Army Medical Department and to the members generally of the medical profession," to whom it is dedicated. It is to be observed that the author does not style his volume "a translation," but "a version," of a French memoir of Baron Larrey; leaving his readers to exercise their ingenuity in distinguishing between the materials of the original writer and the additions of the "versionist." In some cases it is not difficult to discern the unaided work of the English hand, though there are passages where the critic is at a loss in what proportions to distribute the deserved ridicule between the two labourers. It may be stated without hesitation that it was not the French biographer who intro-duced Sir James M'Grigor's name in every other page of this hybrid production, and who manifests a strong desire to exalt the British Director-General above the gallant little surgeon of the Grande Armée. A Parisian writer would not care or know enough about Scottish topography to discover by himself the astounding fact, that Sir James M'Grigor and Baron Larrey were both born in "mountainous districts." "Jean-Dominique Larrey," runs the version, "was born in 1776, at Baudéan, a village situated on the borders of the Adour and at the feet of the Hautes Pyrénées. Thus it happened that the English and French Directors-General of the Army Medical Department, who entered the service of their respective countries about the beginning of the French Revolutionary War, were both natives of mountainous districts. In short, Larrey was born near the Pyrenees in France, while Sir James M'Grigor was born amid the mountainous districts of Inverness-shire in Scotland!" Norwould a French author, commemorating the bravery and heroic devotion of the raw conscripts at the battle of Lutzen, be likely to run off into an eulogy of English rifle-volunteers, and an exhortation that "the spirit of such volunteer rifle regiments be respected, and not respected only, but approved and encouraged, when their object is defence, but not aggression." But the authorship of other passages is not so manifest. The following, for instance, is a perplexing one:—
"It is here worthy of remark, that one of the most celebrated of modern historians, Carlo Botta, who had entered the French service as a medical officer in 1794, was present in Venice in 1797, and that he proceeded from thence to Corfu in his professional capacity with the French army. Carlo Botta, who has so well written the history of modern Italy and also of the War of Independence in America, had a sort of hereditary claim to ability, if such be hereditary, inasmuch as he was almost descended from a family of doctors!" Whether this outpouring of arrogance comes from an apothecary dwelling on the banks of the Seine, or medical staff in the rear, young Larrey origi-

interest in the mountains of Inverness-shire, it is equally naïve and piquant in its simplicity. It casts, indeed, an unkind reflection on those who have not the advantage of being "almost" descended from a family of doctors; but it stimulates the reader's curiosity to inquire what kind of imperfect relationship to "the faculty" confers "a sort of hereditary claim to ability." We presume that the step-son of a distinguished physician would have no diffi-culty in establishing his title.

When the composer of "the version" proceeds to tell the story of Larrey's services to his country, he does not display greater fitness for the task he has undertaken; the plan pursued being to go through the series of Napoleon's campaigns, and, after a confused and meagre account of each battle, to state that the celebrated surgeon, after the work of carnage had been completed, was busily employed for many hours in amputating limbs and dressing wounds. The volume, therefore, is less a sketch of Larrey, than of his Imperial master; the few particulars which are given of the surgeon's purely professional experiences, failing alto-gether to convey a just idea of his sagacity, promptness and inexhaustible fertility of resource. The reader may judge how imperfect the memoir in this respect is, when we say that it contains no mention of the cases in which Larrey restored the suspended sensation of his patients by closely covering them up, from head to foot, in the skins of sheep and other animals, —the hot interior surface of the hides, just stripped from the warm bodies of the freshslaughtered creatures, being clapped like huge plasters on the bare flesh of the examinate soldiers.

Larrey's great service to the French army was the organization of the ambulances volantes, by which the wounded, after battle, were removed with greater speed from the scene of danger to the military hospitals. Both Wellington and Napoleon left it to the heads of their medical departments to provide for the transit of the wounded. In the Peninsula, Sir James M'Grigor, exercising an irregular and only half-recognized power, used, without consulting the Commander-in-chief on the subject, to lay his hand on empty waggons, and unem-ployed beasts of burden, for the removal of his sick and wounded under the protection of the retiring forces. When the mules and the wag-gons were not required for any other service, the Commander-in-chief was well enough pleased to have the living incumbrances of his army conveyed from place to place without his being troubled upon the subject; but when the doctor chanced to seize on instruments of transit required by pressing exigencies for other service, he was harshly called to order for his informal, but most laudable, conduct. In the same way, one of Larrey's chief functions was to make efficient arrangements for the conveyance, as well as the cure, of the sick; and it was by his important alteration in the method of removing fallen soldiers from the field of battle, that he obtained, whilst he was still a mere boy, the cordial approbation of Napoleon. Previous to the introduction of Larrey's ambulances volantes, the heavy ambulances which attended French armies for the accommodation of the wounded were obliged, by general orders, to remain a league in the rear of the army, whilst the wounded soldiers were compelled to suffer on the field of battle until after the combat. As a substitute for these old lumbering ambulances, and to put an end to the cruel obstructions placed by the system, of which they were part,

commented on till one becomes fairly confused | from the apothecary who takes so lively an | nated, in 1797, the cadre de l'ambulance volante. Napoleon was greatly pleased with the young surgeon's carriages, which, placed on easy springs and running upon two or four wheels, went at a rapid speed along the lines during the hottest crisis of an engagement, and bore off those who had been struck down. "Your work," said the General to the surgeon, "is one of the most happy conceptions of our age; it will suffice for your reputation." Larrey's mode of practice was simple and somewhat rude, but perhaps the best that under the circumstances he could have adopted. His maxim was, "amputate without delay," "Une heure de délai," he often said, "est souvent la cause de la perte des malades." Acting on this principle, immediately the troops went out to action, the ambulunes relambes started also and hung and the said of the control of the co lances volantes started also, and hung upon their heels till the engagement began. As soon as the first charges had been made and the first volleys fired, the men in charge of the ambulances maintained a sharp look out for the fallen, and bore them straight off to the surgeon, who forthwith proceeded to an examination of their wounds. To operate instantly was so emphatically Larrey's rule, that he often ampu-tated limbs on the field of battle. On the retreat from Moscow, he was seen performing an operation literally under the fire of the enemy, whilst a camp-cloak was held over the patient, in the manner of an awning, to protect him from the falling snow. The following incident, which occurred in Egypt, illustrates at the same time the mode of practice and the ardour of the dashing little surgeon:-

"The following anecdote is so characteristic of Larrey, that it deserves to be mentioned. Among the wounded was General Silly, whose knee was ground by a bullet. Larrey perceiving that fatal results might ensue unless the limb was amputated at once, proposed amputation. The general con-sented to the operation, which was performed under the enemy's fire in the space of three minutes. under the enemy's fire in the space of three minutes. But lo! the English cavalry suddenly near their side. What was then to become of the French surgeon and his dear patient? 'I had scarce time,' said Larrey, 'to place the wounded officer on my shoulders and to carry him rapidly away towards our army, which was in full retreat. I spied a series of ditches, some of them planted with caper humber access which I research while the cavalry. bushes, across which I passed, while the cavalry busnes, across which I passed, while the cavary were obliged to go by a more circuitous route in that intersected country. Thus I had the happiness to reach the rearguard of our army before this corps of dragoons. At length I arrived with this honourably wounded officer at Alexandria, where I completed his cure.'"

Doubtless, Larrey by his promptitude saved many lives; but by the light of modern surgery it is no less certain that his wholesale amputations sacrificed patients as well as limbs, that might have been preserved by a more discern-ing process. Not less daring than his amputations was his practice of lancing abscesses of the liver, during the period of his service in Egypt,—or, to use the biographer's language, his remedy "of plunging a sharp instrument into the belly in order to give a free course to suppuration."

The following is an interesting case of a gunshot wound :-

"Among the wounded in the French hospitals was a Russian soldier who had been struck in the forehead by an iron ball of the weight of 217 grammes. This projectile had pierced the frontal bone above the right eyebrow, and had penetrated into the interior of the skull. In spite of the bulk into the interior of the skull. In spite of the bulk of this iron ball, the opening which was perceptible did not exceed six or eight millimètres, and by introducing across it a small probe, one might feel the ball. The smallness of the opening may be explained by the elasticity of the osseous fibres which the ball would have to push, after it had struck the bone of the forehead. These elastic

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fibres would in such case yield and become distended; but as soon as the iron ball had ceased its depressive action by eating into the cavity of the brain, these fibres, by means of their elasticity, would no longer be distended, but would retire to their former place, so that a ball of iron more than an inch thick would be below an opening of the smallest diameter. Thus all the ordinary attempts at extracting the ball would be defeated. Larrey, however, caused the wound of the fleshy part to be greatly enlarged, unfolding the osseous aperture, and he applied three crowns of trepan communicating between themselves and with the opening produced by the iron ball. Having cut the osseous angles which they left, the surgeon obtained an opening which permitted him to ex-tract the iron ball by aid of a strong pincer and of an elevator. A great quantity of coagulated blood and of little osseous fragments was then removed. The brain presented under these covers a depression of about seven millimètres. The cure of the wounded Russian under French surgical aid made progress, and in a little time it was complete.

But if Larrey's system of surgery partook too much of the qualities of butchery, he displayed on all occasions a lively anxiety for the welfare of his patients in the hospitals. To give the wounded soldier pure air and nutritious food, and to keep him in cheerful spirits, were the grand objects which he held steadily in view.

If he could not get other meat for his sick soldiers, he did not hesitate to take possession of the regimental horses, kill them, and use their flesh for making strong horse-soup:

"Though all the wounded in the island of Lobau received much attention from the French surgeons, they suffered greatly. The chief causes of their sufferings were the heat of the day and the icy coolness of the night. Moreover, the destruction of the bridges and the insufficient number of boats rendered it almost impossible to import the quantity of provisions and comforts requisite for the large on provisions and comforts requisite for the large number of wounded. The Surgeon-in-Chief Larrey, in order to prevent his patients being starved, ordered soup to be made of horse-flesh. Although Larrey endeavoured to spare the horses as much as possible, yet the French generals, who chiefly suffered, were loud in their complaints at their horses being turned into food. It was a wanton riolation, as they thought, of the rules both of Epicurus and of humanity. Accordingly, they complained to Bonaparte of the manner in which their animals had been served up by order of Larrey. The Emperor summoned Larrey, and in the presence of his staff demanded an explanation with a most severe expression of countenance. 'What,' said he, 'have you on your own responsi-bility disposed of the horses of the officers in order to give soup to your wounded?'—'Yes,' answered Larrey. He added no more, and soon afterwards he heard of his elevation to the rank of Baron of the Empire. The want of food was not greater than the want of utensils, and among the expedients for remedying the deficiency was that of picking up cuirasses, on the field of battle. On these cuirasses, the owners of which had in most cases been killed, soup of horse-flesh was served, there being scarce any other nourishment for Larrey and his patients in the island of Lobau. Unfortunately, many of the wounded were about that time attacked with tetanus. Serving, as Larrey did, in numerous campaigns, he had frequent opportunities of observing this disease, and with his usual ability he profited by these observations. It is well known that by deep cauterization and other remedies he succeeded in restoring to health many of those in whom the disease appeared at first incurable. In his professional works this eminent surgeon has accurately detailed the causes of this disease and the best mode of preventing fatal consequences.

The ladies who a few years since sent off cargoes of scraped rag, cotton bandages and old linen to Miss Nightingale in the Crimea, will appreciate one point of the following description of the sufferings of the French soldiers in Smolensk :-

"On entering Smolensk, Larrey converted fifteen of the largest buildings which had not been devastated by the flames, into hospitals for the wounded. Unfortunately, all supplies or stores of any kind had either been destroyed by the enemy or removed by them in their orderly and premeditated retreat under Barclay. For the large number of wounded there was a deficiency of linen and splints; but Larrey discovered a store of archives in one of the buildings which had escaped the fire, and he substituted paper for linen and used the thick parchment for splints. In a state of so much want it became difficult and almost impossible for the French medical officers to perform their duties; especially as to save life it was necessary in many instances that amputation should be performed within twenty-four hours after the wound had been received. Larrey, however, not only displayed his usual energy and zeal, humanity and skill, on entering Smolensk, but amid the wreck of its buildings and the deficiency of its supplies he showed himself fertile in resources. He toiled with little intermission night and day, and the French surgeons generally, in imitation of their chief, were indefatigable in their attention to the wounded, who were about 10,000 in number."

The weakest part of this weak book is that which relates to the rewards conferred on the surgeon for his services, and to the fidelity which he maintained to his Imperial master in adversity. Medical writers are always too prone to harp on the imaginary grievances of their profession; and the author of the present "version" makes the most of Larrey's rank and pensions, and would seem to imply that an equal recognition is not afforded to distinguished medical services in this country. But how does the case stand? Larrey, after follow-ing his Imperial master through a series of campaigns, some glorious and some closing in disaster, and having, moreover, enjoyed that master's close personal acquaintance on the field of battle and on the march, was created a Baron of the Empire, and obtained pensions to the amount of 320l. per annum in our Sir James M'Grigor, on the other for faithful and eminent, but still, unquestionably, less arduous services, was made a Knight Commander of the Bath and a Baronet, and received a pension of 1,095l. per annum;-he, like Larrey, being also advanced to, or retained in, posts of dignity and large emolument. Of the Baron's fidelity to Napoleon the author of the "version" says, "yet Larrey, the member of a profession which pretends to nothing more than a zealous discharge of the duties of humanity, though it does aim at mental excellence, stood faithful, while marshals and generals and men of lower grade appeared as if they were anxious to escape from some falling tower." There are other passages in which Larrey's magnanimity in not deserting the shaken commander is enlarged upon in similar high-sounding terms. Such praise would not be out of place if the surgeon had been tempted to "desertion" by the offers and invitations of Napoleon's enemies. But it is, of course, needless to say that no such overtures were made to him, for he could not have brought over to the Allied Sovereigns either physical or moral support.

Spoon and Sparrow, Σπενδειν and Ψαρ, FVNDERE and PASSER; or, English Roots in the Greek, Latin, and Hebrew: being a Consideration of the Affinities of the Old English, Anglo-Saxon, or Teutonic Portion of our Tongue to the Latin and Greek; with a few Pages on the Relation of the Hebrew to the European Languages. By the Rev. Oswald Cockayne, M.A. (Parker, Son & Bourn.)

Cockayne's work bearing the above rather odd To feel an interest in this study, they must of course possess some knowledge of the subject; and it is for such readers only that the present publication is intended. It has no pretensions to that happy combination of popular style with philosophical method, for which Prof. Müller's Lectures are remarkable. There is much less of general principle and more of detail-indeed, it is almost wholly composed of detailed matters of fact, and may be described as rather containing the raw material of a satisfactory work, than a finished production. The same materials might have been worked up into a more readable result. In its present shape, the volume has too much the air of being a transcription of brief notes from a commonplace-book. But it bears evidence of a knowledge of the results attained by modern philologists, with an original research of extensive range. The author shows familiarity with old English writings, and turns it to good account in tracing out the affinities of the language with the Anglo-Saxon, German, Scandinavian, Meso-Gothic and other kindred tongues. Like Mr. Marsh, he makes much of the Gothic as a means of illustrating the parentage and history of English words. While he not unfrequently avails himself of Sanscrit, he is disposed to think its value has been overrated. He complains that students and professors of this ancient language make it a sort of idol and oracle, too often forgetting—what they themselves are compelled to admit—that it is not the primitive, unaltered language, but subject to change, like all other languages. To establish a connexion between Latin and Greek words and Sanscrit, he maintains, rightly enough, that there must be a similarity of form and sense, and the changes must be capable of being paralleled or explained in some way consistently with recognized laws.

As we have already remarked, the book is almost wholly made up of details. A number of English words are arranged alphabetically in groups, each illustrative of certain regular changes observable in the letters composing them, when compared with the equivalent or kindred words in other languages. Thus, the first group contains examples of vowel change, after which come instances of the various changes, interchanges and omissions to which the gutturals, labials, dentals and other letters are subject. A specimen or two will give a better idea of his method than any general

description.-

"Min ' with, among'=germ. Mit=agls. Mid=mcesog. Mih=norse Meδ=Mετα. Cf. sanskr. Madhyas=Medius=Min with Middle, Midsr. Moiety, Μεταξυ, Μεσος. Since Mετα implies change, we have allied words in lat. Mutare, mœsog. Maidyan, especially in the compounds Inmaidyan translating μεταμορφουν, μετασχημα-τιζειν, άλλαττειν, and in Inmaideins, ανταλλαγμα 'compensation.' The german often has in com-pounds, like the greek, the sense of participation, as in Mitschuld, μετα-scelus; but I do not know that this is the case in the mosogothic and norse. From the sense of change comes Mutare, from participation Mutuus. As an example of old participation Mutuus. english Mid, take :-

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"Same, Samn, Zuv, Zuv, Con, Ganz, Har, 'Aµa, 'Oµog. The agls. has Sam 'with' as a prefix, Same 'alike' (adv.) Samnian, 'assemble,' Samed 'together.' Sinscipe 'coniugium,' which Lye, &cerroneously explain: Schmeller has observed Sinzour in the Heliand: his first example is sufficient, (Parker, Son & Bourn.)

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Mr. Cockayne is modest enough to claim no higher value for what he advances than that it is worthy of the reader's consideration,—a claim which he is certainly justified in making. In a work of this nature there cannot but be frequent occasion for difference of opinion or doubt. This is more particularly the case with the latter part, in which the author treats of Semitic roots and families of words. There is here more of unrestrained speculation and of here more of unrestrained spectuator and or unsupported, if not random, conjecture. In treating of families of words, Mr. Cockayne deviates from the sound principle, laid down at the commencement, of requiring a similarity of meaning as a condition of philological relationship, and groups together in a speculative way words of unlike signification,—a method which he confesses does not supply cogent argument in support of his conclusions. His mode of proving the connexion between spoon σπενδειν, and FVNDERE—the words at the head of the title-page—will hardly satisfy all readers. He commences the long article on this subject with a quotation from the prose Edda containing the word spon in composition, which in Danish and Dutch assumes the form spaan. Considering the frequent interchange of the letters P and K, he connects with it, among others, the words shingle, shin, shank, skates, sheath, scuttle, scot in wainscot, spindle, spit, spade, scale, shell, slate, and thus continues :-

state, and thus continues:—
"The main object of this article is to bring us round to the conclusion that Spoon and Σπενδειν are related: and hence Fundere. For what is Σπενδειν? To make a libation was to take with a ladle, say Spoon, some wine unmixed with water out of the wine bowl, pour it with the ladle into the hand, and fling it towards the skies, or towards the deity invoked."

The results at which our author arrives in dealing with the Hebrew and cognate languages are such as—according to his confession—to startle even himself; but he trusts they will win the assent of all European scholars. We cannot pretend to share in his confidence. His modes of explaining away the radical dissimilarity of words are more ingenious than satisfactory to our mind: at the same time they are well worthy of perusal and consideration.

Memorable Women of Puritan Times. By the Rev. James Anderson. 2 vols. (Blackie & Son.) THE attractive title of this compilation will induce persons to ask for it at their libraries, but no one will open its leaves and lay them aside without a feeling of disappointment. The sectarian readers to whom it is especially addressed will dislike it for being dull, whilst students whose sympathies have not been contracted by religious polemics will disapprove its acrimony and narrowness, not less than its inability to either instruct or amuse. A collection of memoirs, in which Blanche, Lady Arundel, the defender of Wardour Castle, the Countess of Derby, Lady Springett, and numerous other heroines of our historic drama, are deemed unworthy of biographic notice, is clearly deficient in much that may reasonably be looked for in a work which professes to give the lives of the 'Memorable Women of Puritan Times.' Such omissions awaken curiosity as to the mode of selection adopted by the author. In justice to Mr. Anderson, it must be admitted that he has

either remarkable for their zeal in support of Puritanism, or who in their domestic lives were intimately connected with the parties which had for "their object the purification of the Church of Christ." A brief sketch is given, indeed, of Lady William Russell, who was throughout life a member of the Established Church, and never was known to manifest any concern for the religious side of Puritanism; but for this exception to his rule the author offers an apology in the following words :- "But her husband's politics and her own were the politics of the Puritans, the undoubted fathers of English liberty; and the struggle against arbitrary power in which he fell was just the struggle to which the Puritans had given the first impulse, and which they had vigorously and perseveringly maintained. Her life, then, which is closely interwoven with that of Lord Russell, is a touching episode in the history of civil and

religious liberty in England."
Such being the scheme, the author introduces the biographies with a slight and very imperfect essay on the rise and growth of Puritanism. His fitness to handle such a subject may be demonstrated in a very few words. Powerless to appreciate the difficulties surrounding Elizabeth, who was placed at the head of affairs when the two mighty and almost equal parties of the nation were carrying on their long fierce con-flict for religious and political supremacy, Mr. Anderson regards her energy and moderation in restraining, with strict impartiality, the most violent and mischievous fanatics of either side. as mere manifestations of a malignant determination to crush freedom of thought. "Queen Elizabeth," says the writer, "was the uncompromising enemy of Puritanism," and he proceeds to inveigh against her as the wilful persecutor of Puritans, whose estates she conferenced where the puritanism is the persecutor of Puritans, whose estates she conferenced where the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritanism in the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritanism in the puritanism in the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritanism in the puritanism is the puritanism in the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritanism is the puritani fiscated, whose persons she threw into prison, and whose blood she shed. When he comes in the course of the next few pages to glance at the intolerance of the Pilgrim Fathers, he adopts a widely different tone, and urges on students, ere they charge the New England settlers with "religious persecution" and "tyrannical oppression," to consider the propriety of regarding their conduct from the stand-point of the seventeenth and not the nineteenth century. It is to be regretted that Mr. Anderson does not display to the government of Elizabeth the same charity which he thinks ought to be extended to the measures of Mrs. Hutchinson's and Mrs. Dyer's judges. But the rancour of Mr. Anderson's temper does not reach its full height till it is roused by the recollection of the Act of Uniformity—"that grievous persecution of Black Bartholomew," as Dissenters are wont to call it. It is not enough for him to shed tears of commiseration over the 2,000 ejected clergy "who were generally the most orthodox, learned and devoted ministers of the Church," but he must also calumniate the pious scholars who were promoted to places left vacant by the Nonconformists. "That so large a number of ministers should voluntarily sacrifice their livings, with all their prospects of advance-ment in the Church, and should expose them-selves and their families to poverty, contempt and persecution rather than do violence to their consciences, presented, indeed, an example of self-immolating devotion to duty honourable to the Puritan character and commendatory of the Christian faith. But the ejectment of so many excellent ministers, and the filling of their places with ignorant, profane, scandalous and erroneous men, was deeply injurious to the cause of religion at the time, and the melana plan, though it may not be in all respects one that will meet the approval of a wide circle. He confines his portraits to women who were of Mr. Anderson, — who, besides being an

appointed minister of a Christian persuasion, makes loud professions that he is a champion of religious tolerance. It seems scarcely credible that at this date a man of education should be found to display such vindictive resentment found to display such vindictive resentment to the victors in a political contest, the strife and wrangling of which have been laid to rest and silence just two centuries. Hard words provoke retaliation. Mr. Anderson must therefore think we deal leniently with him when, instead of casting in his face the names of some of the men he thus holds up to odium, we only apply his own violent language to his own ignorant, profane, scandalous and odium, we only apply his own violent language to his own ignorant, profane, scandalous and erroneous teaching. As a biographer, Mr. Anderson does not appear to greater advantage than as an historian. Of his twenty-five memoirs, including sketches of Lady Vere, Lady Harley, Lady Fairfax, the mother, wife and four daughters of Cromwell, Lady William Russell and the wife of Richard Baxter, there is not one which is pleasantly readable. The is not one which is pleasantly readable. The notice of Lady Vere is the longest of the collection and the one on which the greatest literary pains have been expended, but the result achieved is little else, save the burial of Gurnall's charming portrait of that pious lady under cumbrous passages from letters that, dragged from the obscurity and quiet of the State Papers and Birch's MSS. are to no good purpose now for the first time printed. The best memoir in the two volumes is the The best memoir in the two volumes is the last of the collection,—that, namely, of Cromwell's granddaughter, Bridget Ireton, who married Mr. Thomas Bendish, and, living to the advanced age of eighty, kept Yarmouth and its neighbourhood alive by her querulousness, piety and eccentricity, as late as the year 1729. The materials out of which Mr. Anderson has composed his two volumes are, for the most part, to be found in biographies and biographical collections that are well known to all persons conversant with modern English literature. As a book-maker he advances no claim to originality, but honestly mentions the shelf and the drawer from which he has taken each ingre-dient for his hotch-potch. It would therefore be as unfair to blame him for errors not his own, as it would be out of place to give him praise for the more or less interesting pieces of information which he has taken, with-out labour, from other investigators. When his authorities are in the right, he too is, usually, right; but when they are at fault, he is inva-riably wrong. The following commencement to the memoir of "Elizabeth Steward, mother of Oliver Cromwell," is a fair sample of Mr. Anderson's workmanship :-

"Elizabeth Steward, or Stuart, was the daughter of William Steward, Esq., in Ely, a man of wealth, who farmed the church tithes and lands around that who farmed the church tithes and lands around that city, and who was descended from the same stock with the royal family of the Stuarts. The descent of Charles I. is traced to Walter, the eldest son of James, Lord High Steward of Scotland. Walter married Marjory, the eldest daughter of King Robert Bruce, sister and heiress of David II., King of Sactland, who had no increase and their of Scotland, who had no issue; and their son Robert II. was the first of the Kings of Scotland of the name of Stuart. The descent of Cromwell's mother is traced to Andrew Steward, the third son mother is traced to Andrew Steward, the third son of James, Lord High Steward of Scotland. She was thus related by the father's side to Charles I., being his cousin in the eighth degree, as is now satisfactorily established, which it does not appear to have been in her own time. Neither she nor her son cared about inquiring into the exact degree of this relationship, and little or no inquiry having been made, it rested rather upon tradition than upon evidence derived from authentic documents. She was too humble a woman to lay much stress upon the fact that she was related to the sovereigns of England. This the admirers and flatterers of her celebrated son blazoned, but he himself

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attached to it little importance. His relationship to the Stuarts was too distant to afford a basis to rest his authority upon, which, as he had acquired it by his own military and political abilities, required to be maintained by the same means; and to have made an ostentatious display of the connexion would only have tended to awaken feelings to his own disadvantage, by obtruding on the public view the fact that the monarch whom he had brought to the block was his own kinsman."

This imaginary relationship between the Lord Protector and Charles the First, though it has long since been only a subject of laughter with students, is so often alluded to in organs of respectability and weight as an unquestionable fact, that possibly some of our own readers may have accorded undue respect to a statement which Dr. Johnson would have designated "a wandering lie." The case for a blood-connexion between Cromwell and the king he dethroned rests on a supposed descent of the Cambridgeshire Stewards from the Scotch line. The story goes, or rather it used to go, that such descent was indisputably proved by ancient monuments of the Steward family in Ely Cathedral and various churches in the Eastern Counties, by ancient charters and the archives of heralds. Mark Noble, Cromwell's biographer, and no mean authority in his day on a question of pedigree, thus commenced his chapter on the Protector's maternal ancestors :—
"Mrs. Cromwell was descended from the Royal

House of Stuart, which ruled for many years the kingdom of Scotland, and has given several Kings to England. Banquo, thane of Lochaber, and the chief officer of the crown, was assassinated, with his Banquo, thane of Lochaber, and the three sons, by Macbeth, the tyrant of Scotland, as it is said to evade the prediction that his race should succeed to the Scottish throne; Fleance, another son of Banquo, fled to Wales to avoid the same fate, where he found protection, and had Nesta, daughter of Griffith Llewellyn, Wales, given in marriage to him; Walter eldest son of this marriage having killed a person in the Welsh court, fled into Scotland, where the sovereign received him as a person whose ancestors had suffered much for the royal family, and created him lord-high-steward of Scotland, making that office hereditary, and by this means the family received their sirname, in the same manner as the Botelers, or Butlers, and the Chamberlains, did in this kingdom. Alexander, lord-high-steward of Scotland, had 3 sons and 2 daughters: 1. John, or James, also lord-high-steward, who left that office to his eldest son Walter; who marrying Margery, eldest daughter of Rob. Bruce, king of Scotland, and heiress to her brother k. David II. his eldest son Rob. became k. of Scotland, in which line the crown ever afterwards continued, so long as it was a separate kingdom, and until k. Ja. VI. of the sirname of Stuart succeeded to the English throne; 2. Sir John Stewart, who was killed at the battle of Falkirk in 1298; by marrying the daughter of Sir John de Bonkill, he made the place of that name his residence; he had 7 sons, from whom many families in Scotland are descended, and several which have been ennobled; 3. Andrew, of whom below; 4. Elizabeth married to Will. Lord Douglas; 5. Margaret, a nun. Andrew Steward of Dundavale, Esq., the youngest son of Alex., married the daughter of Ja. Bethe, by whom he had Sir Alex. Steward, sirnamed the Fierce, who in the presence of Chas. VI. k. of France, encountering a lion with his sword, and that breaking, he seized a stick, and with it killed the creature; which so much pleased his majesty, that he immediately gave in addition to his arms (which were or, a fesse checky argent and azure), a lion rampant gules, over all a band reguled or. Sir Alexander had two sons, Will., who was slain in the battle of Varnoile in Picardy, and, Sir John Steward, Knt., who settled in England, and was the founder of the first family of the name of Steward, or Stuart, in this nation; the occasion of his settling himself in this kingdom was singular; he was one of the attendants of Jas. pr. of Scotland, afterwards k. Ja. II. at the time he was passing into France, that he might avoid the

fate of his brother, who had fallen a victim to the ambition of his uncle; but, in the voyage the vessel was driven upon the English coast, and the prince was detained in England, contrary to every principle of honor; Sir John did not desert his master, but continued constant to the royal captive; and with his leave remained ever afterwards in this kingdom: for having obtained the regard of k. Hen. IV., who not only took him into his service, but knighted him in the 10th year of his reign, at a tournament held in Smithfield, he asked, and obtained from Joan, queen to k. Ja. II., Mary Tollemache, maid of honor to her majesty; the issue of this marriage——."

It is needless to follow Noble any further in his narrative; for we have only to concern ourselves with the source assigned by him to the Cambridgeshire Stewards, from whom Cromwell was descended, and who were reputed to have come from the Prince of Scotland's attached attendant, and Sir John's father-the valiant lion-killer. For several generations this mag-nificent and romantic story of Cromwell's remote origin, like many other genealogical fables, passed current as veracious history. The Cambridgeshire visitations countenanced it. Numerous ecclesiastical munimenta in Norfolk. Suffolk and Cambridge gave sanctity to it. Historians adopted it without question. Unfortunately, however, for the dignity of the Stuarts of the eastern counties, an avenger of insulted heraldry rose in the person of Mr. W. D'Oyly Bayley, who tracked out the fraud of their family pretension, and smote with the hard hammer of truth on the massive marble lies of their sepulchres. The substance of Mr. D'Oyly Bayley's criticism, communicated in a letter on 'Genealogical Fictions' to the Gentleman's Magazine, in the year 1846, will be best given in his own words:-

The case, however, [he says] which has most attracted my attention is that of the Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Stewards, through which Oliver Cromwell pretended a maternal descent from the great Scottish house of Stewart. According to the story of his great-grand-uncle, Robert Styward or Steward, the Prior and first Dean of Ely, their ancestors came from Scotland to England, temp. Hen. IV., viâ France (after having performed marvels in the sight of the French king-slaying lions with sticks, &c.), and finally settled at Upwell, in Norfolk. But it is a very remarkable fact that there were Stywards or Stewards settled within a mile or two of Upwell co. Norfolk long prior to 16 Ric. II. William Steward or Styward married Joane, dau. of William, and sister and heiress of Laurence de Watlington, of Watlington, co. Norfolk (close to Upwell), and she was living his widow 16 Ric. II. 17. (see Blomefield's 'Norfolk,' VII. 481). They, it is clear, were the procreating ancestors of the Norfolk and Cambridgeshire Stewards. That they had issue is beyond all doubt, for a Laurence Styward was vicar of Sts. Ciric and Julitt the martyrs, at Swaffham Priors, co. Cambridge, 1393-1397, when he exchanged that preferment for the vicarage of Gay-sele, in that county (see Blomefield's 'Collect. Cantabr.' 181); and 'Laurence' remained a Cantabr.' 181); and 'Laurence' remained a family name with the Stewards of Stradset, co. Norfolk, down to 1605. Although the Scotch Steward or Stewart pedigrees gave not the slightest corroboration of Dean Steward's romances of his imaginary ancestors, the Cambridgeshire visitations are not satisfied with detailing the fictitious origin, or false affiliation and fabricated links, but must also set forth the marvellous romance of 'the stick and the lion'! No doubt, however, the first of the family was really 'Steward' to some great personage, or perhaps to an abbey, in the county of Norfolk, and as much akin to the Scotch Stewards, as to the French king himself."

The romance of the Cromwell-Stuart pedigree had been well nigh forgotten by the general public of the present generation. Noble was so little read as to be an almost unknown author, and the documents of the Heralds'

College do not enjoy a wide popularity. The fiction had therefore been lost sight of, when Carlyle resuscitated belief in the curious fabrication by his Introduction to 'Oliver Cromwell's Letters and Speeches,' in which he mentioned the statement with a certain amount of guarded respect,—taking, however, good care not to commit his critical judgment to a positive support of the absurd story. Mr. Carlyle's "say the genealogists" was, however, powerful enough to render the poor falsehood fashionable once again; and during the last few years it has frequently formed a point in the arguments of historic writers and grave essayists. So tenacious of life is "a wandering lie."

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

Flowers and Foliage for In-door Plant Cases; or, Hints for Arranging and Preserving Flowers in Cases and in Rooms. By E. A. Maling. (Smith, Elder & Co.)—Ladies who have purchased the first publication of this author-'In-door Plants, and How to Grow Them'-may find this supplement to it, 'Flowers and Foliage,' useful, by supplying them with hints for stocking and managing their plant-cases. The lady who has written these little books on home gardening is neither a botanist nor an horticulturist, and is therefore all the better fitted for being an instructor of ladies in the art of growing, arranging and preserving flowers; for those who are only a lesson in advance of their pupils. They have not forgotten their own difficulties, and therefore have most sympathy with the beginners who are grappling with them. The fair author puts her readers in possession of the results of her own experience in trying different cases, growing various plants, and arranging flowers pic turesquely. The cases in question are the Wardian cases, with heat applied to them. She tells ladies the precautions they must take to prevent their flowers from looking as if "they had been out to evening parties." It is from before Christmas to the end of May that in-door flower-growing may be made to make up somewhat to the inhabitants of large towns for their absence from the country and coast, by supplying them with the pleasure of witnessing the unfolding of a succession of the fairest In London, Birmingham, Manchester, Sheffield, Leeds and Glasgow, the in-door plant case is almost the only means of growing flowers well, by protecting them from cold, damp, glare, draughts and dust. And with the use of them glimpses of beauty may be obtained, which will be enhanced by the contrasting fogs and mud in the streets. Eyes weary with business and worry may be refreshed with the sight of heliotropes, lilies of the valley and cyclamens, and of azalias and camellias, spreading out masses of snowiest white or brightest pink. The crimson cups of the scented tulip may be seen contrasting with the white petals of the large narcissus, and the pendant red coral shreds of the begonias vieing with the white and rose of the primroses. It is always agreeable to watch growth, and in a case scilla may be seen thrusting up its wedge-shaped sheath out of the green moss and opening its pale bright blue eyes,—the snowdrop rising slowly, and as the shrouding leaves part with the snowy bell, first creeping out and then drooping gracefully,-and deutzias waving their petaled plumes, and poinsettias hoisting their red flags. The effect of the flowers by candlelight ought to be seen before they are chosen. Anything fountain-like is best for the centre; and a little palm-tree answers well for keeping up the illusion of a "jungle," or "nook from an Indian forest." The flowers being subordinate to the foliage, "only five plants in blossom," says the author, "one tall and graceful with brilliant crimson flowers, two low-growing, vividly-tinted plants, and two beautiful white flowers of the peculiar shelly-blue tint," produced when seen the exclamation, "What a brilliant jungle you have there!" By candlelight the green of these cases is darker, and "the flowers shine like rubies and like pearls."

Our Domestic Animals in Health and Disease.

Our Domestic Animals in Health and Disease. By John Gamgee, (Edinburgh, Jack.)—A com61

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petent man has here collected and conveyed in simple and untechnical language a great deal of information useful to every man who keeps a horse, a cow or a pig. The number of such men is probably not greater now than it has been at any other time during the life of the present generation. Those of them, however, who are dissatisfied with their existing information, and who seek by reading and otherwise to increase it, are certainly more numerous now than they have ever previously been. Agriculturists and agricultural labourers are becoming readers faster, perhaps, than men of any other occupation. Let us hope, therefore, that Mr. Gamgee's present publication may satisfy a prevalent want,—and, finding a large number of purchasers, do good service to the agricultural interest.

The Prince's Visit: a Humorous Description of the Tour of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales through the United States of America in 1860. By R. J. De Cordova. Illustrated by Stephens, Rosenberg and G. D. Smillie. (New York, Frodsham; London, Trübner & Co.)—With halting metre and infamously bad rhymes Mr. R. J. De Cordova gives what he conceives to be a comic account of the Prince of Wales's trip to Canada and the United States—as they used to be called. As is not unusual with such mirthful productions, the sprightliness of this humorous description is far from exhilarating. About the smoothest and strongest lines in the entire volume are the following:—

They 've 'received' him at church in magnificent state, The Bishop and Clergy—all solemn, sedate, With a farce only played on this single occasion Forming a clerico-comic procession!

Here and there, on the broken road of Mr. De Cordova's doggrel, amongst sharp and ragged stones of false quantity and bad sense, the reader comes on a piece of trans-Atlantic slang, not altogether unworthy of remembrance,—such slang being explained in a note for the benefit of Europe. Thus, the line

"Dry up," says the Duke, "I'm not speaking to you," is illuminated by philological research. "Dry up," says the author, "with other expressions having the same meaning,—such as 'shut up,' 'evaporate,' 'stow it,'—owes its origin to the Western States. It implies that, although the party addressed may physically remain in the presence, he must not appear in the conversation." On the whole, Mr. De Cordova's Muse is neither an amusing nor a profitable companion. A very brief space of time spent in her society would make us ask the young lady to have the goodness to "dry"

A Dream of Lost Love. By Edward Gray. (Kent & Co.)—Another wail over some lost Ellen Adair; but it lacks the Laureate's music, pathos and brevity. The author has not yet learned how to consume his own smoke till it bursts into flame. As a Yankee might say, what is the use of thus screaming in the face of the eternal facts of the universe? Still we find some signs of power and a picturesqueness of epithet that lead us to look for better things.

Mr. Greenwood, in Zeta; and other Poems (Philip & Son), laughs at the usual prefaces in which books for verse are often heralded. What follows the Preface, however, is much about the same kind of thing as is generally thus prefaced. He will make no excuse for publishing, and indeed he is quite right,—his verses deserve none.—Margaret; or, the Motherless, by Mrs. Pfeiffer (Hurst & Blackett), indicates some talent for narrative, but has not the wealth of thought or freight of feeling demanded for poetry.—The Author of Roseallan's Daughter (Houlston & Wright) tells us that he publishes his drama because one or more manuscript copies have got beyond his control. He protects his work by publication,—a most sure and effectual method. If any one has been misled in the twilight of manuscript to think it of any value, the daylight of print will speedily undeceive. We need only quote a line or two by way of a hint:—

He has been seen, I tell thee, ha!
And acting fine, deceive me not, girl, ha!
Promise to smile, girl, ha!
This will be thought enough.

We have received the following publications and pamphlets on religious and other subjects:—

A Brief Examination of Prevalent Opinions on the Inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, by a Lay Member of the Church of England, with an Introduction by the Rev. H. B. Wilson (Longman),—The Testimony of Sceptics to the Truth of Christianity: with the Evidence of Pagan Historians, and the Confirmation of Fulfilled Prophecy, by the Author of 'Heroines of our Time' (Darton),—the Bishop of Lincoln's Charge Delivered to the Clergy and Churchwardens of the Diocese of Lincoln (Skeffington),—Sunday: a Poem (Manwaring),—The Interest of the Diocese in the Restoration of its Cathedral, a Sermon, by the Rev. J. W. Hewett (Parker),—The True Translation J. W. Hewett (Parker),—The True Translation of the Holy Scriptures, by Herman Heinfetter (Heylin),—Genesis, the Three First Chapters and their Meanings interpreted through the Study of the Connexion of the Jewish Symbols with the Egyptian Connecion of the Jewish Symbols with the Egyptian Hieroglyphics, accompanied by an Explanatory Vocabulary, chiefly from Young, Champollion and Bunsen (Manwaring),—Salvation by Grace, by the Rev. J. Henry (Reed),—On Penitentiary Work, Two Sermons, by the Bishop of Oxford and the Rev. H. P. Liddon, with a Short Preface on Sisterhoods, by the Rev. W. J. Butler (Parker),—Canticles for the Christian Seasons, compiled by the Rev. J. W. Rumsey (Parker),—Textual Criticism of the New Testament, by C. E. Stuart (Bagster),—A Psalm of Life, by W. Nevill (M'Glashan & Gill),—An Abridged Selection from Doddridge's Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul, by a Naval Officer (Taylor),—God's Two Books; or, Nature and the Bible have one Author, by Dr. Balfour (Nisbet),—the Rev. W. W. How's Practical Sermons (Morgan),—Life Unfolding: a Poem for the Young, by Elizabeth Anne Campbell (Wertheim),—Primeval Symbols; or, the Analogy of Poem for the Young, by Elizabeth Anne Campbell (Wertheim),—Primeval Symbols; or, the Analogy of Creation and New Creation, by W. Fetherston H. (Hodges, Smith & Co.),—The Shadow of the Almighty, by Newman Hall (Nisbet),—The Church of England's Rotten Plank, by Dr. Carlyon (Whittaker),—What is the Faith of the Essayists and Reviewers? (Parker),—The Philosophy of the Divine Operation in the Redemption of Man, by J. B. Walker (Ward),—the Rev. A. Reed's Charges and Sermons (Ward).—Meet for Heaven, by the Author Sermons (Ward),—the Nev. A. Reed's Charges and Sermons (Ward),—Meet for Heaven, by the Author of 'Heaven our Home' (Nimmo),—The Work of God in Italy, by the Rev. W. Owen (Shaw),—Public Education, Why is a New Code Wanted? by Omega (Bell & Daldy),—Five Short Letters to Sir W. Heathcote On the Studies and Discipline Sir W. Heathcote On the Studies and Discipline of Public Schools, by Dr. Moberly (Rivington),—
Revised Code of the Committee of Council on Education Dispassionately Considered, by the Rev. Dr.
Vaughan (Macmillan),—Neuenahr: a New Spa on the Rhine, by Prof. Miller (Simpkin),—The Lunatic; or, English Clergymen and Scotch Doctors: an Autobiography, by the Rev. H. J. Newcome (Powneeby),
—The Malays of Capetown, by J. S. Mayson (Galt),
—A Letter to the Lord Chancellor on Law Consolidation, by Sir J. N. Dickinson (Ridgway),—A Notice of Menton: Sumplementary to 'Nice and its Notice of Menton: Supplementary to 'Nice and its Climate'; with Remarks on the Influence of Climate on Tuberculous Disease, by Dr. Lee (Adams),—Has Sir B. Brodie spoken the Truth about Homosopathy and its Practitioners? a Lecture, by J. H. Smith (Tresidder),—A Popular View of the American Civil War, by A. J. B. Beresford-Hope (Ridgway),— Excelsior: an Ethical Poetasm, by Bessie Douglas (M'Glashan & Gill), —St. Mark's School by the Sea-side in the Summer of 1861; to which is prefixed a Suggestion, by the Rev. S. Hawtrey (Hamilton),
—Venetia: a Letter to B. Price, Esq., by H. Grenfell (Ridgway),—Two Great Men: one, in the Highest fell (Ridgway),—Two Great Men: one, in the Highest Position that was due to him; the other, in a very Humble Station of Life; but both of them—Galanti Uómini (Ebers),—Twenty Letters to Young Farmers (Thorley),—A Gleam of the Spirit-Mystery, by W. C. Dendy (Bickers & Bush),—Indian Railway and Indus Flotilla Guarantees, by J. Mills (Wilson),—Observations on the Amalgamation of the Regiments of Royal and Indian Artillery and Engineers, by an Officer (Smith, Elder & Co.),—Part I. of The Temperance Dictionary, by the Rev. D. Burns (Caudwell),—and Part I. of Mr. Bacon's Science of Memory (Bateman). (Bateman).

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

Rough Diamonds: a Story-Book. By John Hollingshead. Illustrated by H. Sanderson. (Low & Co.)—The six stories—collected from various serials, and here offered to the public with all the additional attractions of good type, humorous illustrations, smart cover and brilliant edges—form one of the best gift-books of the present season. The first story, entitled 'The Old House,' concerns itself with the achievements of two sagacious little "mud-larks," who make their way, through the intricate and hidden paths of the metropolitan sewerage, into a gentleman's nursery, and steal therefrom a baby,—conveying their luckless victim away by the same gloomy and mysterious route. Of course, the papa and mamma of the baby institute a search for their precious darling in every quarter save the right one. The narrative is one of harrowing interest; but, fortunately for the reader, it takes only twenty minutes to read it, and the conclusion is a happy one. After being conveyed backwards and forwards, through a labyrinth of drains of all sizes, the baby is restored to its native nursery, by the same grimy urchins who in the first instance abstracted her. Of course, all this is very absurd; but a laugh over absurd things is no unseasonable pleasure at Christmas time. And Mr. Hollingshead is a writer who can make his readers laugh heartily, and at the same time give them something to think about when the laugh is

The Gorilla Hunters: a Tale of the Wilds of Africa. By R. M. Ballantyne. (Nelson & Son.)—Mr. R. M. Ballantyne will not gain much reputation by this attempt to dress up Du Chaillu's African fabrications for the entertainment of children. These gorillas are the same fabulous and impossible creatures as the new Munchausen delineated and Spurgeon believes in, save that here and there, either through undisciplined imagination or ignorance of the English language, the nursery tale-wright has added a few touches to the absurdities of his master. The public are only too familiar with the Mr. Gorilla who breaks double-barrelled rifles in his fingers, as if they were merely cedar-wood pipe-lights; handles the stems of forest trees as though they were nothing more than walking-sticks; and beats his chest with open hands "so that it sends forth a loud hollow sound as if it were a large drum." Not less widely known is the picture of this hirsute and grinning gentleman, squaring up for a fight after the fashion of Tom Sayers; but Mr. Ballantyne, not content with this too common process of pugilistic overture, plants his King of the Gorillas on his fore-legs, whilst the royal combatant distributes death to his adversaries by means of his posterior extremities. "But we had," said Mr. Ballantyne, "little time to indulge in contemplation, for, the instant the brute beheld us, it renewed its terrible roar and attempted to spring up, but both its legs at once gave way, and it fell with a passionate growl, biting the earth, and twisting and tearing bunches of twigs and leaves in its fury. Suddenly it rushed upon us rapidly by means of its fore-legs,—its heels being meanwhile thrown up into the air, in the manner of a playful donkey. Ingenious and daring, however, as this variation of an old story is, Mr. Ballantyne may not hope that it will carry the ridiculous fictions of the gorilla-hunter from the drawing-room to the nursery. **

Jack Manly: his Adventures by Sea and Land. By James Grant. With Illustrations. (Routledge & Co.)—In 'Jack Manly,' the author of 'The Romance of War,' has given all boys, capable of reading English, a book of adventures by sea and land, which they will peruse again and again. It contains some excellent writing, and the illustrations are so unusually good for a book of its description, that we do not know which to commend with greater warmth,—the author's pen or the artist's pencil. The verbal descriptions and the engravings of the 'Destruction of the Black Schooner,' The Death Ship,' 'A Perilous Adventure' and 'The Wood of the Devil,' deserve praise. By all means,

let the virtue of Mr. James Grant, as here dis-

played, find its appropriate reward!

Kingston's Annual for Boys. 1862. (Kent & Co.)—Mr. Kingston's 'Annual for Boys' contains an over-liberal quantity of type and illustrations, but further we cannot speak in its favour. For the little of its contents calculated to please highthe little of its contents calculated to please mign-spirited lads, there is an overwhelming proportion of writing that no child would care to look at twice. The funny stories are not well told, and the useful information is dressed up in a style that will not make it more than ordinarily attractive to juvenile readers. The subjects selected are less open to objection than their treatment. "The Rise and Progress of the British Navy," for instance, is a good subject, but Mr. Kingston's ten papers upon it are clumsy, and bad both in design and detail. In like manner the two papers on "Heraldry and Heraldic Devices" are instances of unartistic management. "A Boy's Own Book of Heraldry," comprising the more romantic stories connected with armorial bearings, and giving a bright pictorial view of feudal life, would be sure popularity. We should not, however, advise Mr. Kingston to undertake the task.

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Cortes and Pizarro. The Stories of the Conquests of Mexico and Peru. With a Sketch of the Early Adventures of the Spaniards in the New World. Re-told for Youth. By William Dalton. With Illustrations by John Gilbert. (Griffin & Co.)—Mr. William Dalton, on the present occasion, does not do more justice to the learning of Prescott and the picturesque beauty of Washington Irving than he did last year to the nervous style and vigour of Will Adams's letters, which he then made up into what he was pleased to term "a romantic biogra-phy." Mr. Gilbert's illustrations are the best fea-

tures of Mr. Dalton's volume.

My Travels in Many Lands. Narrated for My Young Friends. By William H. G. Kingston, Esq. With Numerous Illustrations. (Kent & Co.) Esq. With Numerous Illustrations. (Kent & Co.,
—This closely printed Christmas volume is made
up of notes of travel made in Great Britain,
France, Italy and Spain. There are signs that it
France, Italy and Spain. and has been since addressed by the author to his "little friends." It is not in our power to recommend it very heartily; but it might hit the taste of exceptional children, and be found useful in the

school-room as "a book for reading lessons."

Eildon Manor: a Tale for Girls. By the Author of 'The Maze of Life.' (Routledge & Co.)— Domestic life in a Yorkshire manor-house, popubous with happy, amiable children and attached servants, is faithfully and agreeably painted in this pretty little volume, which, while it aspires only to entertain young ladies, contains many passages that will command the critical approval of older and sterner readers. The concluding chapters are more artificial than the opening chapters are more artificial than the opening scenes; but so fresh and healthy a spirit pervades the story, taken as a whole, that we are able to speak heartily in its favour. Margaret is a most loveable specimen of English girlhood.

The Young Painters; or, Tales of the Studio. With Six Illustrations by T. Bolton. (Booth.)—

Intending to make his narrative light and pleasant by the introduction of sprightly conversations, the author of these Tales has forgotten that simplicity and directness are indispensable requisites in biographies written for children. As it is, the incidents narrated of Michael Angelo are so disguised and hidden under the flourishes and tricks of the most artificial school of prose fiction, that no child will be able to find them, much less will he be able to discover the character of the painter whose life they are supposed to illustrate. This same criticism may be applied with equal justice to the other stories. We regret that we cannot give better account of the volume, as it is at first

sight a pretty little book.

The Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoc.

By Daniel Defoe. With One Hundred Illustrations, by Edward H. Wehnert. (Bell & Daldy.)

—The floods of good stories for children, put forth every Christmas by publishers for many years past, have not driven Defoe's masterpiece of fiction from the field. They pass speedily to oblivion, but 'Robinson Crusoe' is still a house-

hold word-still as much "the schoolboy's book" As a tribute to the genius of the Father of the English Novel, we are disposed to afford a cordial welcome to every new edition of the famous narrative of adventure; but we cannot say much in favour of the volume before us. Apart from the gilding on its cover and leaves, it has no claim to commendation even as a mere library ornament. The type is too small, and the illustrations are, on the whole, far from good. A few of them have average merit, but the greater part of them are sketchy, feeble and careless. A score or more of the worst seem to have been only thrown in for the purpose of completing the round number of ten

Nursery Carols. Illustrated with One Hundred and Twenty Pictures by Ludwig Richter and Oscar Pletsch. (Bell & Daldy.)—The rhymes which give a name to this little volume are not very good; but the hundred and twenty illustrations are excellent, making it the liveliest and most attractive "Children's Picture-Book," that has come under our notice for many a day. The last

Dear is this little book to me, Full of pictures bright and gay, Given to me by my mother On a happy Christmas Day. You may read it, if I lend it, Laugh at all the little fun; But you must be sure to send it
Back again when you have done

-Most assuredly no little six-year-old, whom a munificent mamma may enrich with a copy of the 'Nursery Carols,' will like to lose sight for many

days together of her treasure.

Among the Tartar Tents; or, the Last Fathers. A Tale. By Anne Bowman. (Bell & Daldy.)— Miss Anne Bowman has mistaken her vocation. Her romantic story will weary children, and gain very little commendation from the few adult readers who may chance to turn over its pages. The hero, Hector Desmond, after receiving an Addiscombe education, goes out to India, to join his father's regiment at Lucknow. On arriving at his destination, he hastens to his mother's dressing-room to embrace her, after an absence of years, when, to his chagrin, he finds that Oriental years, when, to his chagin, he make that of the lady of natural affection. "Ah, Hector," murmured Mrs. Desmond in a languid voice, "how immensely Desmond in a languid voice, "how immensely tall you are! What rude health the climate of England does bestow on the people! You really England does bestow on the people! You really look twice as old as you ought to do, and I feel ashamed to acknowledge you! —Such is mamma's first greeting. Displeased with this reception, Hector moves off to the school-room, to ask Miss Strictland, the governess, to give his sister an afternoon's holiday.—"This is irregular, Miss Desmond," said she; "it is the office of Captain or of Mrs. Desmond to present to me Mr. Hector Desmond. I must, therefore, waive all acquaintance with the young gentleman till we meet under fitting circumstances. Now, I must request you to proceed to execute this sonata in a style superior to the last attempt, which was a complete failure."

—Hector was for a moment petrified with this cool neglect, but soon rallied, and said boldly, "But, I say, Miss Strictland, it isn't every day that a friend drops in from Europe. Couldn't you give Clara a holiday, to hold a chat with me?"—" No one ever dictates to me the duties of my office, young gen-tleman," replied the stately lady. "Your demand is indecorous, as well as abrupt and rude. The no hole language of England must be much deteriorated since I left the country, if such vile expressions as 'to hold a chat' or 'a friend dropping in' be accepted as the classical English of good society in these days."—The hair breadth 'scapes, tiger attacks and perilous encounters, that enliven the later chapters of the novel are as untrue to nature and life as these domestic scenes.

The Interviews of Great Men: their Influence on Civilization; from the Meeting of Diogenes and Alexander to the Final Interview of Count Cavour and Victor Emmanuel. Developing the Characteristics of Men who influenced the Times in which they lived, and showing where their Example is worthy of Imitation. By the Author of 'Heroines of Our Time, &c. (Darton & Co.)—The author of the

score of feeble memoirs of celebrated men, published under the presumptuous title transcribed above, and dedicated to Lord Brougham, is deficient alike in dedicated to Lord Brougham, is dencient alike in literary ability and in that information to be without which is disgraceful. "That portion of history," he says, "which promises, perhaps, the greatest interest is the interviews which have been held between celebrated men. These interviews, apparently accidental, and thought to be unimportant at the time, have largely moulded and shaped the destiny of the world. It requires but little imagination to call up many of these interviews which would have had an interest of the most absorbing kind, and which, had we been present, would have left a vivid impress upon our memory. It has been thought, in a diminished sense, that this interest may be re-awakened or created by the recital of a few of the more prominent of these interviews. Such recitals are not less important than they are interesting." After this announcement in the Preface (which may be taken as a fair sample of the writer's style) we were surprised in the body of the book to find the author bent, not on describing a series of interesting interviews, but on sketching the careers of certain remarkable men. Diogenes had an interview with Alexander; so the author gives an inserview with Atexander; so the author gives a lossely-constructed and inaccurate sketch of Diogenes, and entitles it 'Interview of Diogenes and Alexander.' In the same way a worthless memoir of Lord Brougham is entitled 'The Interview between Lord Grey and Mr. Brougham,' and a notice of Penn is headed 'Penn's Interview with the North American Indians.' Criticism would be wasted on a writer who in one page speaks of "the strong influence that Martin Luther felt to expose and redress the evils existing in the Church of Rome," and in the next page mentions Roderic Borgia's "children, which were numerous."

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THE PRINCE CONSORT.

A MAN of gracious presence and gracious nature handsome, nobly-bred and bountiful-in outward manner and in inward soul a gentleman - has passed from the public sight in Albert. Prince Consort of England. He is gone when the world can spare him least. A malign and foolish proverb mays that no man is ever missed: we might as well say that a crop or vintage is never missed: it would be truer and more pious to say that every one is missed. How vast our loss no tongue can tell Some part of it is at once apparent: not only in that dark and sacred chamber where the imagination of devoted millions pictures the widowed Queen as weeping in the midst of her shildren: but in the room of State, in the meeting halls of learned and scientific Societies, in the places where charity asks for aid; and, indeed. wherever a good and princely deed has to be done. For years to come there will be no day-no hour in which that bright face, that kindly intelligence, that eloquent voice will not be missed in the London world.

Who will replace him on the inauguration day of the International Exhibition? It is, we believe, the express desire of her bereaved Majesty that everything shall be done which the Prince had projected, and, most of all, that the noble works at South Kensington shall not suffer interruption. The desire is one in which the whole nation will sympathize, and which it will help to make good. For the sake of him, as well as for the sake of Art and Trade, we must all combine to make it the success with which he would have been content. The work will go on. Yet, not the less will he be missed on the inaugumtion day. Who will occupy the post he had so graciously accepted, as President, for the year, of the Royal Agricultural Society? Who will preside, as he had meant to preside, at the annual dinner of the Society of Arts? Will his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales? It may be hoped he will: substituting for the grace of experienced wisdom which we cannot have any more, the grace and good-will of youth. In the Prince who is gone the Arts and Sciences have lost their truest friend, -Manners and Morals their first example,-Education and Public Progress their strongest support; and if the loss shall prove to be not irreparable, it will be because his provident sagacity has trained his children for the task of guiding this great empire in the path of social and moral reform along which it is now travelling fast.

In the story of our Court and society, no Prince ever occupied a place in any degree analogous to that held by Prince Albert. Our political system has no room for Prince Consorts; of the personages who, before his time, held the office of Queen's husband, it is hard to say which was the fore hated and reviled—the fanatical partner of Mary, or the drunken partner of Anne. Prince Albert had never been unpopular. Once or twice, some years ago, there was a growl and snap, as if the old mastiff spirit were still alive in the lower orders; and more recently there has been a hiss and simper in west-end clubs and at west-end dinner-tables; but the great public of England, which judges men by the realities of their lives, gave a Prince who paid his debts credit for his

without surprise of his generous deeds done privately-in circumstances which justified generosity to a wise and thoughtful man-but where it was unlikely to become known and impossible to he returned

The stories of this unpublished liberality are many and beautiful. A few weeks ago, in a provincial town, very far from London, we heard of an orphan who, at one of the Schools of Design, displayed a noticeable taste for drawing. By an accident the boy's case became known to the Prince, who, after careful inquiries into the orphan's character and talents, charged himself with his education, and placed him, at a considerable expense, under an eminent artist for instruction. In his personal dealings with artists, men of letters and musicians the Prince was cordial. simple and straightforward; as the most eminent of these artists, men of letters and musicians have been always forward to declare. If the relations were other than pleasant the fault lay elsewhere than with the Prince Consort. In simple truth, the distaste of a moment had no foundation in fact, and it passed away. The Prince's fortunes were, on the whole, as happy as his disposition: and the instant and unstudied grief of all classes, on the announcement of his death, is the truest test of the profound and universal popularity which surrounded him, unseen and unheard, in his daily life. Prince Albert understood his country and his time. Leaving the strife of ordinary politics to those who had the taste and the right to enter into such contests, he devoted himself to the higher range of scientific questions and social charities, in which no one could dispute his pre-eminence or interfere with his usefulness. Denied a material, he made for himself an intellectual and invisible throne.

In dealing with the social questions which lay open to his benign elucidation, it is remarkable how little of what is commonly called princelyand how much of what is felt to be philosophicalappeared in his views. He knew what Governments can do for people, and what they cannot do. He never entered into any public task because it was expected of him, or because it was the fashion. In every case he referred his activity to high principles, and only acted for others when he could do so with a safe and sure effect. To help those who were already helping themselves was his sagacious plan, and hence he achieved so much that will not pass away with him. First of all, perhaps, the arts and sciences found in him a friend. and the influence which he exercised upon them was of a kind no other man could have obtained Into every branch of intellectual toil he sought to introduce sincerity and refinement, and into every community of intellectual workers gentleness. This was his true mission in our land: and to every one, on every fair occasion, he preached kindliness. Kindness was the means to all his ends. Will any one who heard him ever forget with what earnest suavity he pleaded at the Royal Academy dinner for kindness: kindness of construction, kindness of criticism, kindness of manner; or the impression conveyed by looks and tones that the doctrine of his speech had a prior existence as a virtue in his life? He was the very soul of grace, of gentlehood, of fragal liberality in common things, and heard hope. An artist one day spoke to him of some

effect in his art which would be grand if it were only possible. "There is nothing in Art impossible," said the Prince. Everything that is worth doing, he believed, can be done with honest labour. Attainment all but universal-mastery of art. of language, science, music, literature-led him to believe, more strongly than men of fewer conquests. in the power of steady and sincere labour. His own knowledge was very great, and it lay in many unexpected nooks and corners. Of music he knew far more than an average man,-played on more than one instrument,—sang well,—and wrote down his thoughts in musical works of some length - if not with high creative power, yet with a steadiness and sensibility not to be found in the works of ordinary gentlemen who write. It is known to he public that he was a very good etcher. We have heard an Engineer declare that the Prince knew more of fortification than any non-professional person he had ever met; and the Secretary of the Photographic Society assures us he was a very admirable photographer.

It is no more than his due to say that all his eminent abilities-all his splendid opportunitieswere devoted to the noblest ends. The Prince Consort had an instinctive love of peace, of industry, of progress. Progress was, indeed, his constant theme. What the word Duty was to Arthur the Great, the word Progress was to Albert the Good. No other word turns up so often in his speeches, no other idea was so constantly present in his mind. No sacrifice of time, labour, thought, money or responsibility seemed to him too great when he could make it in the cause of national or individual Progress. He willingly sat on a Fine-Art Commission in Westminster, ran down to the Docks at Grimsby, presided at an Agricultural Dinner at York, laid the first stone of a National Gallery in Edinburgh, or of an Actors' Almshouse at Woking, inaugurated a Servants' Provident Society, dined with the Merchant Taylors and opened the Manchester Exhibition of Art-Treasures,-labours in which few Princes would have found delight. Enough for the Prince if the work were one of Progress. In the name of Progress he raised the Crystal Palace in Hyde Park,where we hope ere long to see a fitting monument to his name arise. In the name of Progress he was lending, to the hour of his death, his invaluable aid to those who are charged by Her Majesty and by the nation with the great task of erecting its successor at South Kensington. Every good cause might count on his voice, his hand and his purse. When the Domestic Servants' patrons asked him to take the chair at a meeting in their behalf, the case they put to him was-that the domestic servants of the metropolis often suffer great privations in old age; that they were making some efforts to help themselves; and that his appearance in their cause would be good for them; his reply was :-"After what you tell me, I should be wanting in my duty if I did not take the chair;" and he took it. One of his very last public acts was to subscribe a hundred pounds for the purchase of Shakspeare's house and garden. It was by genuine sympathy and genuine work that the Prince Consort gained the empire which he held over the best minds in all countries; an empire more extensive and more enduring than that visible empire on which the sun never sets.

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CAPT. MAURY ON AMERICAN AFFAIRS.
THE intellectual voices of America have scarcely
yet been heard on the great question of Secession
and Civil War. These questions having suddenly
acquired for ourselves a deep and mournful interest,
readers will be glad to hear the opinion of a scientific man who is neither a partisan nor a politician.
Capt. Maury's views are expressed in a letter to
Rear-Admiral FitzRoy, but they are in fact addressed
to the scientific men of England.—

My Dear Admiral,—Since this nefarious war was forced upon us, my hands have been busy in preparing for it; and I have not had either the time or the opportunity to let my friends and former fellow labourers on your side of the water know what is become of me. My country was torn; the Union was gone; a number of States had renounced it. In this breaking up of our once happy and great Republic, it became me to take sides. The path of right and duty was clear; and here I am.

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On the 20th of April, finding that this my native
State, in the exercise of her high prerogative, had
withdrawn from the Federal Union and appealed to
her sons to rally around her, I would not, I could
not and did not hesitate to obey the call and
hasten to her relief. On that day, after formally
renouncing all allegiance to the now shattered
Federal Government, and turning over to the
officer next in command the trust that had by it
been confided to my care, I left the Observatory at
Washington once more a free citizen of Virginia.
Its associations, the treasures there, which, with
your help and that of thousands of other friendly
hands had been collected from thesea, were precious
to me, and as I turned my back upon the place a
tear furrowed my cheek, for I could not but recol-

lect that such things were.

The Yankees, as only those who are making war upon us are now called, have shown themselves vindictive to a degree; they have vilified me; they have set a price upon my head, and intercepted all my foreign correspondence, so that I have not been able to get a hearing in any part of Europe, or to communicate, since April last with any friend there.

It is becoming and proper that I should make known, to my friends abroad the course that I have thought right to pursue in this new state of things. And to be clear, I beg to interpolate here a few remarks explanatory of the relations of the several States to the Federal Union, and of the relations in which the citizen stands to his State and the Union.

At the end of the war which separated the thirteen colonies from the British Crown, each one was separately acknowledged and recognized as a free sovereign and independent State. When the States formed the Federal Union they did not renounce their sovereignty any more than Great Britain renounced her sovereignty when she formed the Holy Alliance. They only delegated a portion of it to be used by the trustee or agent, called the Federal Union for certain fixed and definite purposes, and no other. When Virginia agreed to this compact and adopted the Federal Constitution she accompanied the act with the following declaration asserting her right, for cause, to withdraw from it

Act of the State of Virginia adopting the Federal Constitution, passed the 26th day of June, 1788.

We, the delegates of the people of Virginia, duly elected in pursuance of a recommendation from the General Assembly, and now met in Convention, having fully and freely investigated and discussed the proceedings of the Federal Convention, and being prepared as well as the most mature deliberation hath enabled us, to decide thereon, DO, in their name and in behalf of the people of Virginia, declare and make known, that the powers granted under the Constitution, being derived from the people of the United States, may be resumed by them, whenever the same shall be perverted to their injury or oppression; and that every power not granted thereby remains with them, and at their will. That therefore no right of any denomination can be cancelled, abridged, restrained or modified by the congress, by the Senate or House of Representatives, acting in any capacity, by the President or any department or officer of the United States, except in those instances in which power is given by the Constitution for those purposes; and that among other essential rights, the liberty of conscience and of the press cannot be cancelled, abridged, restrained or modified by any authority of the United States.

Pray, now, my friend, bear with me, while from the Southern stand-point, I explain to you the real nature of those influences which have led to this early disruption of the American Union:-You recollect that I told you when in London last November, when these difficulties were just beginning to loom up abroad, that all the right was on our side. You could not understand it then, for your information was derived chiefly through the Northern press. Few people in England, I believe, ever read a Southern newspaper; led astray by the apparently just, but really one-sided, statements and teachings of the Northern press, your people were induced to look upon our troubles and the complaints of the South merely as the empty ravings of a political party that had been turned out of power. The South, by some means, it was held, ruled the Government from the beginning; it had lorded over the North - and that the North, having its patience worn out, had, by constitutional means, taken the power in its own hands, the South was simply acting the part of a spoiled child, in the overgrown boy, who had been allowed to play with a borrowed toy until he believed it his own, and who, when at last it was taken away and restored to its rightful owner, disturbed the family with his childish ravings. Such seemed to be the light in which the affair was looked upon generally in England and on the Continent—and such evidently was the light in which the Yankee press held it up to foreign view. But the real difficulty is one of another sort; and the causes out of which it has sprung are old and deep-seated. They are partly physical, partly industrial, partly social, and partly political; they have been cumulative.

The New England States are manufacturing, seafaring and commercial; the Southern States are agricultural. The most profitable labour in this country was the agricultural labour of the South. Your own commercial statistics prove this, for they show that about three-fourths of the national exports consisted of agricultural products of the South.

Here then were two sections of the country so invested with physical conditions, that labour in the field was very unprofitable in one; very profitable and highly remunerative in the other. Yielding to these conditions, the labouring man of the North, to earn a living, found it easier to go to sea than starve at home; while his fellow at the South found it easier to gather "enough and to spare" from the teeming soil and genial climate of his own sunny South. Therefore, at the formation of the Government the two sections presented themselves, one as seafaring, with fishing as its

chief occupation; the other as agricultural. But soon the Yankees came up with representa tions of this sort :- Fishing is a poor said they; it doesn't pay; but fishing ought to be encouraged for national purposes: therefore, let us not only protect Yankee-caught fish in our markets against the fish caught by the English, Dutch and French, but let us give the Englanders a bounty on all fish that they can catch. In other words, let us tax this agricultural business of the South which is so profitable, for the benefit of our fishermen, whose business if left to itself won't pay. And so annually large sums of money were taken directly out of the common treasury, ostensibly, but originally and really from the pockets of the Southern planter, to pay the New Englanders for catching fish for their own uses. This went on many years under the plea that these fisheries were a nursery for seamen, and unless American seamen were fostered in such a nursery the nation, it was said, could not have a navy. But when it was obvious that we could get seamen in abundance without drawing upon any such zursery, the South sought, but the North steadily and persistently refused, their assent to a

repeal of the Fishing-bounty Act.

The South held that in the eyes of the Federal Government all citizens were equal, that all the States stood on the same footing, that the Union was formed, not for individual, but for the common good, and that Congress had no right to tax any citizen or class of citizens for the benefit of another. The Federal compact required taxes to be equal,

and all citizens, labours and industry to be taxed alike. It was as much the duty of Congress to foster, encourage and protect the industry of South Carolina as of Massachusetts—of one State as of another. Such was the Southern doctrine, and such were the teachings of the Fathers. But the country went on growing and prospering, and there was simply from the South a protest against this heresy.

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Finally, in 1812, to protect Northern interests and to vindicate the commercial rights of New England—for the South had neither ships to be searched nor seamen to be impressed—we went to war with old England. The New England States ignobly backed out of that war, and left the others to bear the brunt of it.

With peace there arose a school of protectionists— men who unwisely said, "Let us not depend upon John Bull any more for anything whatever; let us henceforward do our own manufacturing, our own fetching and carrying. But, to enable us to do these, we must encourage and protect the work-shops and artisans of New England. And as the agricultural labour of the South is so very profit. able, we may charge it with the support of this New England interest also. They have stood annual bounties to our fishermen for years, and we 'guess' they will stand protection for awhile."
Political Economists may say what they will, but legislate and theorize as they may, they cannot without robbery make any branch of labour profitable which is not self-sustaining: to make such industry profitable, somebody must pay; and as a rule, the money must come out of the pockets of those whose business is self-sustaining. But pro-tection in this instance, they said, was only required to set this manufacturing business in New England on its legs; that it would soon be able to stand alone, when the power of protection might be withdrawn. So the South yielded, and consented again to be taxed; but, this time, the tax was under the form of a tariff, not of a bounty, though in the end it was the same, for it had to be paid by the self-sustaining labour of the country,

and that was chiefly at the South. New Englanders are proverbially sharp, keen and "cute"; so having once tasted of the treasmy pap through cunningly-devised tariff bills, they soon discovered that heavy expenditures from the Federal Treasury would necessitate high tariffs; then they went for an extravagant government, and engineered with Congress for large appropriations. To create demands upon the national purse, they established navy-yards where they were not required; built forts where they were not wanted; erected lighthouses where they were not needed and actually studded the Northern seaboard with establishments of this sort, while the whole Southern coast, from the Capes of Virginia all the way round to the mouth of the Rio Grande in Texas, was but badly lighted, though the naviga-tion along the Southern Bays is most difficult and dangerous. There is also along the Southern coas a half-finished fortification here and there, and, as for a navy-yard, there is not one in which there could be found any of the usual facilities either for building or repairing; and neither of these operations could be performed except for double cost. As for lighthouses, compare those of the Florida coast with those of New England, and you will better appreciate the force of those remarks. Pray look at this somewhat attentively, for it is one of the points of difficulty in the quarrel that is not apt to be perceived by one outside the national Though neither the sole nor the chief cause, it is, nevertheless, one of the many aggravating influences which helped to make it. Along the coast of the Northern States and within the distance of about 250 miles, they have no less than four magnificent dock-yards where millions of public money are annually exended. But along the Southern coast from Cape Hatteras to the Rio Grande, a distance of nearly 2,000 miles, the South has but one navy-yard, and that only in name, for no vessel has ever repaired there; and as for building, though it has been established about forty years, the first vessel constructed there has yet to be commissioned into service. In case of disaster to a man-of-war in the

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rd, and er been it has t vessel Gulf of Mexico or the West Indies, she has to go to a Northern ship-yard to be repaired and paid off. This is only another one of the many 'cute little Yankee tricks to which the Northerners have resorted to get the public money disbursed among them. As a rule, the great mass of the public expenditures were made in the North, not in the South, so that the Southrons found themselves doubly taxed—taxed first for the benefit of the Northern manufactures, and then, in the disbursement of the public funds, denied an equal participation in the benefits accruing therefrom.

Thus fostered, pampered and petted, the North-

Thus fostered, pampered and petted, the Northerners began to think themselves altogether superior to the Southrons, for, said they, "look at our shipping and commerce, behold the beauty and magnicence of our cities, mark our workshops and railways, contrast them with the like at the South, and the say if these are not the avidence of and then say if these are not the evidences of a and then say it these are not the evidences of a different and a better people, the indications of a superior race?" With this they took up the notion that they could not associate with us in the common territories because of our slaves. We held alayes when they sought our alliance. They knew that, for they kidnapped them in Africa, they and the English brought them over in their ships and sold them to us. But, notwithstanding this agreement, the Constitution and their obligations under heit, it was amounced a "higher law," and pronounced their agreement with us under the Constitution "a covenant with hell." Will these people keep faith any better with money-lenders when debts pinch? With this temper in the Northern heart and mind the Federal Government found itself seized with a vast extent of unpeopled lands, the common property alike of all the states. Much of it had been given to the Federal Government by the Southern States for the benefit of the Commonwealth; some of it for the benefit of the Commonwealth; some of it had been acquired from the Indians by treaty and purchase,—and some had been bought from France, Spain and Mexico,—but all was paid for out of the common treasury. Into these territories the North now insisted that the Southerners should not go unless they left their slaves behind. To this the South said "nay," for, continued we, these lands belong as much to us as to you; they are the common property of all the States; the Federal Government is only the trustee in the matter, it is bound ment is only the trustee in the matter; it is bound to manage them for the good of the whole, it can-not discriminate between the heirs. Look at the deed and title and constitution, and you will see that we have the same right to go and settle upon these lands with our servants as you have with your "helps" and apprentices, or with your oxen and asses. But in reply they began to preach about their new-fangled doctrine of a law more sacred and binding than oath on the Holy Evangely—and tell us that our slaves if carried into a territory would be degrading to them. Thus by mere force of numbers they voted us out of our lands, and appropriated them to speculation and their own

purposes.

These public lands, instead of a blessing to the Government, have proved a curse; they have had Government, have proved a curse; they have had more to do in hastening on the present unhappy state of affairs than people generally are aware. They have given to the country an apparent prosperity, by attracting to it hordes of emigrants from abroad, who, with their money, their industry and their policy, imparted to the Republic a progress in wealth and population which astonished the world. Puffing up the people with national rain-glory, the prosperity of the country induced them to overlook all else, and ascribe everything to our peculiar form of government and to Yankee enterprises. These emigrants, with their votes, enterprises. These emigrants, with their votes, have often turned elections. Before they had come to understand our institutions, their voice has had controlling influences with the Government. The public lands have caused the fall of the Republic while yet in the vigour of youth, by means of the policy which, within the last thirty years, has been pursued with regard to them. Up to that time, the practice was to organize them slowly into prepare for their reception into the Wasto organize them slowly into market, and so to regulate the settling of them up as to prepare for their reception into the Union in pairs—one State with slavery and one State without alavery, always together. This was done until the

number of States had been increased from thirteen to thirty, and the Union consisted of fifteen States

with and fifteen States without slavery.

The reason for this practice is obvious. It is found in this consideration:—In the Senate, every State was entitled to two votes, and no more, though the free States, by virtue of this land though the free States, by virtue of this land policy, and consequent more rapid increase of their population, had acquired the ascendancy in the Lower House; yet, so long as they were equal in the Senate, it was impossible for one section to combine for unfriendly legislation against the other, for all laws required for their passage concurrent majorities in each House. The House might be unanimously in favour of a measure wat it fails be unanimously in favour of a measure, yet it fails to become a law if there be in the Senate even a

majority of 1 against it.

General Washington, in his virtue and wisdom, had warned the people against the dangers of dividing the country geographically into sections.

They might and had arranged themselves into parties; but these were irrespective of parallels of latitude, isothermal lines or the "peculiar instilatitude, isothermal lines or the "peculiar insti-tution." A division of parties by geographical lines, if it should take place, would, the fathers of the Republic saw, be most liable to take place on the Slavery Question. Hence, for two generations the policy was religiously adopted, and rigidly pursued, of equalizing the number of Free and Slave States, and preserving that equality in one branch of the Legislature. The law also forbad at least the immigration of slaveholders, with their slaves, from Brazil, South America, Cuba, Jamaica and elsewhere; but it encouraged the immigration of

elsewhere; but it encouraged the immigration of free white persons from all parts of the world.

Under these laws, the Free States increased in population more rapidly than the Slave States; for the emigrants generally, being anti-slavery in their opinions, preferred to settle in the Free States. Therefore, the growth of these in population was greatly assisted by the tide of new-comers from Europe, while that of the Slave States was left to its own natural increase. Yet, nevertheless, Congress, until a quarter of a century back, was slow to organize new territories on the anti-slavery side of 36° 30°, or to open up the lands in these for to organize new territories on the anti-slavery side of 36° 30′, or to open up the lands in these for settlement; and in order to preserve this equality of numbers between the States—pro and anti-slavery—the public lands were brought so sparingly into market that the receipts therefrom were not more than sufficient to pay the expenses thereof. Such was the case until about thirty years ago. About that time, and in an evil hour, this wise policy was abandoned, and the people were tempted by the Government out into a sea of spe-culation upon the public lands such as the world never saw. Under it the laws of naturalization were relaxed. Ireland was drained of her increase, and all Europe was initiated, persuaded and tempted to come and help us to subdue, occupy and replenish the magnificent wilderness of America. In a single year the sales of the public lands, which had never reached more than \$3,000,000, went up to had never reached more than \$3,000,000, went up to \$26,000,000. Land scrip and warrants were dispensed like waste paper. Every man who had ever served as much as two weeks in war had land for a farm given to him. Besides bounty lands to the soldiers and sailors of every war, donations of public lands, by millions of acres in the single grant, were made to the new States, or given to individuals and corporations, to aid in the construction of railways and canals and a variety of other enterprises. Companies for the sale of these lands were formed on both sides of the Atlantic. Drummers, to beat up purchasers, went out into all parts were formed on both sides of the Adahuti. Drum-mers, to beat up purchasers, went out into all parts of Europe. Listening to their representations, and yielding to temptation, a throng of living souls, such as has been rarely seen, was put in motion for the wilds of America. The extravagants of the Mississippi scheme were realized.

Such a tide of emigrants soon swelled the population of the new territory to the number required to entitle it to one representative in the popular branch of Congress. Thereupon the new territory was admitted into the Union as a free, sovereign

ing this free territory out into large States like Texas, it was divided into States only about one-Texas, it was divided into States only about one-fifth as large; consequently, the balance of power in the Senate could not be maintained long under the stream of in-flowing population from abroad, nor could it last a moment after parties had arranged themselves according to sectional lines. As soon as this balance was destroyed, the issue was made; and with eighteen Free States, as they are called, to fifteen that recognized African slavery, Lincoln, at the head of a sectional party, was brought into to fifteen that recognized African slavery, Lincoln, at the head of a sectional party, was brought into power regularly, according to the forms of the Constitution, but upon a platform entirely subversive of it. Thus the land policy hastened the destruction of the Union, by unwisely calling into play political powers that were bound to throw the Federal machinery out of adjustment. Nor is this all: it led political economists into error, and induced the world to associate the w induced the world to ascribe to the so-called "indomitable energy and enterprise of the New England people" what, in the reclaiming of a wilderness, belongs really to a host of European

The Northern Congress has imposed a direct tax upon its people of \$30,000,000. Our Congress has taxed us for \$20,000,000 to pay principal and interest on our debt. We at the South cheerfully interest on our debt. We at the South cherry and willingly submit to this tax, and every cent of it will be promptly paid. But, mark my word, the Northern people will be slow to put their hands into their pockets for this "rail splitter," as Abe Lincoln is called. Nevertheless, he may squeeze a portion of this tax out of them, but if so, it will be only a portion, and that will come with such writhings, grins and protestations, that he will never attempt to "raise the wind" again by any such process. But when the pinching time—the pay day—does come, will not the same motives pay day—does come, win not the same motives which induced his people to proclaim a "higher law," and to denounce certain provisions of the Constitution as "a covenant with hell," induce them to repudiate this debt, principal and interest, which he is now seeking to create for his wicked purposes? I cannot but think so. Their faith was pledged to stand by the Constitution; yet, the moment they felt the Constitution operating as a restraint upon them, they violated it. Will they be more faithful to their promise to pay? Will they not, after the money is borrowed and spent, be more likely to turn upon the lenders and say, "This debt was created by a doubtful authority at best; it was created in the name of the United States, when there was no longer any such Government; it was created to support a war which the Constitution does not recognize: all this was known to you when you made the loan? Therefore, we won't pay." This debt, principal and interest, these Northern men will repudiate altogether, for already the war is beginning to be unpopular with the masses. Enlistments go on slowly in the North. The people are hanging back. It is worthy of remark, that almost every prisoner we have taken from them professes himprisoner we nave taken from them processes mis-self to have been deceived. He was entrapped into this war, and if he is ever permitted to reach home again, he will for one keep clear of any more such scrapes. Such is their language.

But after the public lands and the enormous

influx of foreigners upon us had destroyed the checks and balances of the Government, the cry of the "irrepressible conflict" was raised in "le North. Either, said their leading but deceitful tatesmen, we must overrun and overturn the institutions of we must overrun and overturn the institutions of the South and root out slavery, or the South will impose upon us its negroes. Upon this the North-ern or "Free States," as they are called, combined. Exceeding us in number of States and polls of people, they drew a geographical line, and formally divided the country into sections—North and South. This act, lawfully determined, placed, according to the forms of the Constitution, the whole Federal machinery—Executive, Legislative and Judicial— in the hands of a faction formed of fanatics, and handed together for the purpose of making warbanded together for the purpose of making war was admitted into the Union as a free, sovereign and independent State; it was, consequently, received into the Senate upon an equality as to votes and political power with the oldest and most populous of the original States. Instead of divid-

ourselves and our posterity." The Federal machinery having fallen into such hands, and the Constitution having thus wrought out a failure, my noble, my gallant, my native State, speaking through her people in Convention assembled, resolved to assert that precious right, which, though inalienable, and formally admitted so to be by all the States, yet, to prevent cavil, she had, by express declara-tion, as I have already shown, reserved to herself when she first joined the Federal Union. And that right was the right to withdraw from it. And now, what has the President of this party and the leader of this faction done? President Lincoln has, by his own mere dictum and that of his lieutenants, suspended the writ of habers corpus. He has muzzled the press and abridged the freedom of speech. He has, without authority of law and against the Constitution, which he is sworn to defend and support, plunged the country into war, murdered our citizens, burned our houses and is wasting their substance. He has, without warrant, seized unoffending citizens, and, without acquainting them with the nature of their offence, has imprisoned them in loathsome dungeons. He has set aside the civil authorities and declared martial law to rule in their stead, and, under the tyrant's plea, he is proceeding to do a great many acts and things which would more become the savage and the He has sent against us an army, and provided them with manacles to bind us in his prisons. His Zouaves who fell at Manassas were equipped with halters already adjusted for our necks and the lamp-post; and, first having treated medicines, drugs and surgical instruments as contraband of war, he leaves after defeat in battle his wounded to be cared for by us whom he had sought to deprive of remedies. After his defeat in the Battle of Bull's Run, he sent neither flag to bury his dead nor physicians to treat his wounded. In short, Lincoln and his myrmidons are preparing to enact upon us the scenes of La Vendée in the French Revolution.

Though not so mighty in numbers nor so rich in warlike supplies as the enemy, we are eight millions of people thrice armed, in that our quarrel is just. Fighting for our homes, we are mighty in battle. In mere lust the enemy is fighting for power and conquest; we, for fire-sides, the graves of our fathers, dear life, and all that is precious to the heart and to civilization. Our cause is holy; theirs, hellish. We cannot, we will not, be subjugated.

The contrast is frequently drawn by our old men between the conduct of the English in the war of 1812 and the conduct of the hordes of Lincoln now. The English invaded us, but respected the property and regarded the rights of unarmed citizens. The same counties have been invaded by Lincoln. He has devastated and laid them waste, and for what? Why, simply to compel us to submit to his governance. Suppose he should succeed, would not success overturn the whole fabric of the Constitution? The Republic was founded on the consent of the governed. Failing in this, it is no longer either. A Republic or any other form of government that has at its foundation the will of the people. It is a tyranny. We want nothing of the North. We choose not to submit to Northern domination; we are fighting simply to be let alone, and to be permitted to govern ourselves in our own way.

The South presents the remarkable spectacle of an army baving in its ranks the first men and best talents of the country. To subdue or conquer such an army is simply an impossibility, for its soldiers are fighting for all that makes life dear to them. I fight with a price upon my head and a halter around my neck. Nor I alone, but every man of mark or substance among us. Lincoln's men are not made of such stuff; for they are for the most part mere hirelings, and their armies in battle are strengthened by no such hope, and moved by no such fears as those which inspire us. They talk of a re-construction of the government and a reunion of the people. Simply, and in few words, re-annexation to the British Crown is more possible.

I very much desire that the friends of free government in Europe should be correctly informed as to the true state of things with us; for your information being chiefly derived through our enemies, it is of course one-sided, and generally, also, it is not only erroneous, but wilfully mendacious. The papers at the North that plead our cause, or dare tell the truth about this war, are suppressed by Lincoln's mere sic jubeo. A large majority of us, they would have you believe, are opposed to secession and this war. Saving some of the Western counties of this State, and a few in East Tennessee, I have never known the people so united upon any subject. The women, if possible, are more enthu siastic than the men; they are of one mind, and the clergy are as earnest as the women. week the clergy are, of their own free will, drilling and being drilled to arms: their churches are given up to the women, who, with needles and sewingmachines, congregate there to make clothing for the soldiers. On Sundays, from the pulpit, the holiness of the war and the righteousness of our cause are preached to the people. In battles, you find clergymen among the foremost of the fight. We have on our side a bishop for a general, holy divines for colonels, majors, captains and soldiers in the ranks. Never was a people more united and in earnest than the people of the Confederate States are at this moment.

Yes, you have heard something too of our starving—of our inability to produce breadstuffs and provisions enough for our own use, &c. To make you believe that would be requiring you to renounce your belief in physical geography, for that shows that within the Confederate States we have the finest of climates; our lands are unsurpassed in fertility; we are a grazing, and a farming, and a planting people. Educated in the South, I never saw a beggar until I entered the Navy and went to New York.—Such is the habitual abundance that the very few poor who are found among us are provided for without calling on the people for poor-rates. Our Southern laws recognize no such The staples of Georgia are cotton and rice; yet the Census shows that, according to population, Georgia furnishes as much wheat as New York and New York is one of the wheat-growing States of the North. Never have the grain crops of the South been more abundant than they now are. The blockade of our ports, admitting it to be effectual, would not interfere with us as to any of the necessaries of life. It may cut off our supplies of tea and coffee, and the various articles of merchandise that we have been accustomed to receive from abroad; but this does not amount even to a privation, for we submit to these wants as a self-denial and a discipline that is all for our good.

I see no end to this wicked and savage war as long as the arch spirits which surround Lincoln remain in power. Before and after every battle, we hold out the olive-branch, demanding simply, "Let us go." We do not desire to subjugate or invade his people. We are simply trying to cut loose from them, and to have nothing to do with them or their institutions, one way or the other. As a proof which we wished to give them and the world of our forbearance and sincerity, behold the movements of the enemy since the Battle of Manassas. We have not been disposed to follow up that signal victory by a single act of invasion. Rely upon it, the old Union is irretrievably gone, and secession is rapidly gaining ground. The thinking men in several of the Free States are daily beginning to cast about for fresh compacts, for new political and social combinations; and among the new developments which the morrow may bring forth, be not surprised to find Pennsylvania, and perhaps New Jersey, seeking admission into our new Republic, as one of the States of the Confederacy.

Pennsylvania has always been clamorous for protection. The tariff that would set mills going in New England would not turn a wheel in Pennsylvania; and the old Government had not the power to discriminate in our markets between Pennsylvania productions and those of New England. They all stand upon the same footing. Our new Government can discriminate. If Pennsylvania be admitted, she will have free trade with us. The New England States and all other Free States will be taxed for every article they bring. For they will have to pay duties. Pennsylvania not. This will transfer from all other Northern States the capital and machinery that have been employed

there in manufacturing for the South, and set it down in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania will then contain the Birminghams and Sheffields and Liverpools of the South. She will enjoy preference and protection also with us, in whose markets, the wants of not less than fifteen millions of people will have to be supplied. With these and other advantages Philadelphia, instead of New York, might become the great commercial emporium of America.

The bare suggestion of such a course by Pennsylvania opens up a vista that is full of thought. By that course Pennsylvania will escape her share of the \$500,000,000 with which Lincoln is burdening his people, in this the first year of the war. He will require as much more the next year, and the next, and, mark the prediction, you are yet to see Pennsylvania knocking at odoors for admission into our Confederacy; for if we were to admit her, she would by that means escape her quota of the Lincoln debt, and leave the other Free States "the bag to hold." If Pennsylvania were to withdraw, she would separate the Eastern from the Western Free States, for you observe that she with Delaware extends from the sea to the lakes. In that event, instead of one there would be two Free-State Republics; indeed, before the Yankees can lay the fell spirits they have raised by this wicked war upon us, they may be divided into a dozen petty powers, for their liberties are already gone, and they will be, both they and Lincoln, completely at the mercy of the first batch of successful generals that the fortunes of war may bring into their favour. Therefore, tell your countrymen from me to think twice, and look long at their sovereigns, before they touch either the loan, the bonds or the paper of that concern.

With the friendship and esteem of other days, my dear Admiral,

Yours truly, M. F. MAURY, C. Navy.
Admiral Robert FitzRoy, R.N., Meteorological Department, Board of Trade and Admiralty, London.

TURNER AND GIRTIN.

British Museum, Dec. 16, 1861.

Mr. Thornbury in his recently printed 'Life of Turner' states, in Vol. I. at page 101, "Mr. Chambers Hall purchased his fine collection of thirty-six Girtin drawings (which he afterwards left to the British Museum, where they lie buried)"; and at page 114, when quoting from an epitomist of Girtin's career, it is stated, "This fire destroyed many of Girtin's best works, and so scarce must we suppose these engravings of the Views of Paris to have become that the British Museum does not possess a copy." To this Mr. Thornbury appends the following gratuitous note, "This does not prove much."

May I be allowed, in reply to these observations, to inform the public through the medium of the Atheneum that the collection of Girtin's drawings given by the late Mr. Chambers Hall, though buried in the British Museum, is constantly exhumed at the request of those lovers of Art who seek to see it; and that the Print Room of that establishment possesses, and has done for some fifteen years, the series of Girtin's etchings of the Views in Paris, as also a set of the same plates aquatinted.

W. H. CARPENTER, Keeper of the Prints and Drawings.

THE MAYER MANUSCRIPTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 13, 1861.

To reply to your rambling criticism upon my recent publication, would require talents of a very different order from any which I may possess, as I cannot meet raillery and satire by corresponding abuse, and as I have to depend upon the translation of my ideas into a language whose idion is so different to my own. I understand enough of your article to acquire the conviction, that it contains no critical investigation of the merits of a work, which can only be examined in a quiet and deliberate manner, and which cannot be disposed of, as you seem to imagine, in the flippant and off-hand style in which you may with impunity handle a thirdrate novel; and as you have thought proper to occupy nearly half your article with your version of my antecedents, it will be as well for me in the

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first place to challenge you to a proof of the matters which you allege against me as "certain," and which I once for all repel as utterly false. The which I once for all repei as utterly laise. Ine little biography you have been pleased to draw up for me, is abridged from the account given in the late Mr. Sotheby's 'Principia Typographica,' and if, in alluding to statements made by you, I in any degree amplify your version, warrant will be found for so doing in the work referred to. If you have any curiosity to know the place of my birth, I may any curiosity to know the place of my birth, I may tell you that I was born in the town of Hydra, in the Island of Hydra, on the 11th of November, A.D. 1824. My father's family came from Stagira, my mother's from Syme: and if you think the authenticity of the Papyri which you have professed to review will be at all confirmed by the antiquity of the family of the individual who happened to unroll them, I shall be happy to furnish you with verticulars of my genealogy, embracing on my narroll them, I shall be happy to furnish you with particulars of my genealogy, embracing on my father's side no less than thirty-seven bishops and archbishops. "The old gentleman," my late uncle, to whom you facetiously allude, was Benedict, the confidential adviser and spiritual father of John Capo-d'Istrias; and after his death, Superior of the house of the process of Panelswoon (Region). Monastery St. Pantelemon (Rosicon), in Mount Athos; and inquiries made there, or of Gregorius, recently Patriarch of Constantinople, would conrecently Patriarch or Constantinopie, would convince you that he was not the unknown man you would have your readers imagine. So much for the not very important matter of my genealogy.

I now come to your charges. In reply to the first of these, I never produced at Athens, or else-

where, any copy of Homer with the Commentary of Eustathius: the only MS. of that author I have ever shown is that now in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillipps; and I have no doubt that gentle-man will allow its collation for the purpose of ascertaining once and for ever, whether it contains "the text and errors of Wolff." That this is the copy alluded to, may be easily ascertained by a reference to No. 929 of the Athenian journal Æon, in which the meeting for the purpose of discussing this and other MSS, is reported. (A copy of this journal is in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillipps.)

Secondly, I have the MS of Sanconiathon, at my father's house in Syme. I did intend to publish it in Constantinople, and was only deterred by the expense of printing it in that city. I am now ready to publish it in London, if it be desired. Some of my enemies having declared in the Athenian journal Pandora, that a gentleman, who disbelieved in its existence, would give 10,000 drachms to see it, I inserted a notice in the Elpis, at Athens, and the Telegraph of the Bosphorus, at Constantinople, that if he would deposit in any Greek bank, 80,000 drachms, he might take 20,000 for his expenses, and come to Constantinople to see it, and that I would allow him a month for this purpose; but he has never appeared.

Thirdly, I did declare, and I now take the oppor-

tunity of repeating, that I have extremely impor-tant MSS. connected with hieroglyphics, viz., ten Books of *Horus* (commonly called Horapollo), including the two books already well known and often edited. These are written on papyrus; and I also possess a palimpsest copy of two of the same books, but of a different translation. Also the Dictionary of Cherimon,—Hieroglyphic, Demotic and Greek; and the work of Chenophis, which gives a philosophical explanation of the hieroglyphical characters.

Fourthly, I did publish in the Telegraph of the Bosphorus explanations of the hieroglyphics on some Egyptian figures, the property of M. Cayol and of Stephanus Caratheodoris; these explanations I gave simply as a matter of friendship, and the latter gentleman made me a present of the figure I had examined, which, with the articles from the newspapers above mentioned, I have now with me. Whether the explanations given accord with the original can be ascertained by any of those gentlemen who accept the challenge which you will find at the conclusion of my letter. The history of this and most of the other charges which you have made is borrowed from the testimony of one Dr. Mordtmann, who is so freely quoted in the article by Mr. Sotheby before referred to. It will be well if you lay before your readers such infor-mation respecting this gentleman as will convince

them that he deserves the incontrovertible charac-ter for veracity which these quotations assume him to possess. It is on his authority that your next statement is founded, that "I did not exhibit some statement is founded, that "I did not exhibit some Cuneiform inscriptions in MS. with a transcript in Phœnician," and it is further stated that his knowledge of the alphabets of these languages enabled him to decide that the MS. was not written in those characters at all. In reply to this, I can only say that Dr. Mordtmann did not at that time know anything of those languages, and, moreover, that the MS. in question is now in the library of Sir T. Phillipps, and can bear its mute witness to

Fifthly, the *History of Armenia* alluded to is that of Cleobulus, written in the time of Justinian, a copy of which, of about the fourteenth century, I had in my possession in Constantinople, and showed to several of the Armenian residents. I published the Preface to this work, and also fac-similes of the inscriptions in Armenian and Greek which it contained. The latter were lithographed at the esta-blishment of M. Cayol, and I have a copy of them by me. An inspection of these will show that the by me. An inspection of these will snow that the proper names are such as are to be easily met with as Armenian in the works of Strabo and Appian. Tigranes, son of Artaxius, Zariadres, &c., are familiar names of men; Tegrans-certa, Artaxata, Sophene, &c., of places: and there is no foundation whatever for the assertion, "that through my clumsiness they happen not to be Armenian."

Sixthly your lively describing of my "hurrow-

Sixthly, your lively description of my "burrowing in the hole" would lose somewhat of its zest if your readers were informed that the hole was a deep well-like excavation, into which no one could enter but by a cord and a basket, and in which neither myself nor any of the gentlemen who wit-nessed the operations would have trusted ourselves. Much more was expected than the discovery of the MS. of the Koran referred to; but I had my own reasons for not wishing that all which I foresaw might come to light should fall into Turkish hands, might come to light should fall into Turkish hands, and I discouraged further search by all the means in my power. M. Cayol published a long article on my discoveries at the house of Ismail Pacha, in the Journal de Constantinople. This will be found, I believe, under the date of August, 1857.

Seventhly, the next allegation is that the MS. exhibited to the Royal Society of Literature as Curpifyre and Greek, did not confirm to the

exhibited to the Royal Society of Literature as Cuneiform and Greek, did not conform to the description I gave of it. As this is the same MS. to which you have already made allusion, I have only to repeat my assertion, that if any qualified scholar will inspect it in Sir Thomas Phillipps's library, he will find that the Cuneiform characters are of exactly the same forms as those highest are of exactly the same form as those hitherto discovered, and that the Phoenician (not Greek, as erroneously stated by you) interlineation is a translation of the Cuneiform, not to be despised by those who are endeavouring to read the inscriptions at Nineveh. I believe I have now touched upon all the phases of my history to which you have been pleased to allude. I have not space to enter here upon the question of the authenticity of Uranius, but it may as well be stated that I am prepared to meet any number of qualified scholars in *London* or elsewhere to discuss its authenticity and to hear any strictures they may wish to express.

The list of fragments of works written upon papyrus, and unrolled by me at Mr. Mayer's Museum, is correct. These papyri are all at Liverpool, and can be examined by those interested in the subject by a proper application to Mr. Mayer. Their number and importance is in your eyes a crime, which unfortunately it is not in my power to extenuate. That you should have come to an à priori decision that, from my presumed antecedents, they are not genuine, is an error which I think you will live to regret, and I am sure that those v are really interested in paleography will prefer the result of their own inspection to the *ipse dizit* of a writer who has never even seen what he writes of with so much confidence. It is to be regretted that you see no cause for thankfulness to God in the discovery of the earliest MSS. of the New Testament extant; and I fear Mr. Tischendorf came in for a share of your animadversions for the praise which he offered to God for his discovery of the 'Codex Sinaiticus.'

It is impossible here to discuss the question of the date of the portrait of St. Matthew or of the forms of the letters upon which you have pronounced so emphatic an opinion; these matters will receive the attention of scholars, who will perhaps devote to them a little more time, learning pernaps devote to them a little more time, learning and research than you can be expected to afford, and it is possible that you may regret having taken so definite a position on grounds so slight. As however, you have assumed the post of instructor to the unlearned public, perhaps you will inform them in your next number on what authority you make the monstrous assertion, that "it may not be generally known, but is an undoubted fact, that no MSS, of any kind, if we except the Hieratic papyri, are known to ascend to the first or second centuries." What will your readers think when centuries." What will your readers think when they are told that they have only to refer to Silvestre's Paleography to find that you have made the trifling error of half-a-dozen centuries, and that they may inspect in that work fac-similes of Greek MSS. on papyrus of as early a date as the third century before the Christian Era, viz. 1st. one of part of Dioscorides, second or third centuries B.C. 2nd. Fragments of Homer, &c. third century B.C. 3rd. A petition to Ptolemy, second century B.C. 4th. A musical treatise found at Herculaneum, first century B.C. 5th. A cursive Herculaneum, first century B.C. 5th. A cursive MS. of the second century A.D. This gross and fundamental error may perhaps show on what sort of evidence you would crush out of existence documents which will nevertheless assert their

documents which will nevertheless assert their right to critical investigation, and will hardly be pronounced spurious on the strength of your declamation, however impetuous.

I should have liked, had the space which I expect to be allotted been greater, to have touched on the last of your remarks; but I think I have said enough to show the public that your matter is not reliable: and I have now a word to add, in conclusion, as to your manner. This is intemperate, vindictive, unchristian. You adopt a scriptural euphemism to veil the name of liar which you seek to fasten upon me, and you present, as you seek to fasten upon me, and you present, as facts, to a public which has no means of checking your assertions, a mass of exparte statements which I have easy means of controverting. This is not the temper in which to review a work, the sole object of which is to present to the English public fresh information on an all-important subject; and I should be sorry, though no one could be surprised, were I to reply in the same spirit.

Lastly, to bring to an issue the various questions concerning the Interpretation of Hieroglyphics and Cuneiform Letters which have been raised by you and by your contemporaries, I hereby challenge those who are learned in these matters to a public discussion of the subject in London at as early a period as can be arranged. Let any monument in the British Museum be selected, bearing inscriptions in either of these forms; and I will give, in writing, my interpretation of the same in the original languages and in Greek, with my authorities for such interpretation. Any committee of literary men who may be appointed shall also take the same inscription, and deal with it in the same manner, and the results of our investigation shall then be placed side by side before the public for their examination. An opportunity will thus be afforded for testing the real knowledge which is possessed upon these subjects, and those who believe me to have erroneous ideas will have the means of confuting me.

I beg to request your insertion of this letter in your journal of the 21st instant, and remain, Sir, your obedient servant, C. SIMONIDES.

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P.S.—Since my letter was written, I have seen, in the Athenœum of December the 14th, a letter from Mr. Stobart, in which that gentleman appears to the service of t anxious to disclaim any previous property in the Greek MSS. which I have unrolled for Mr. Maver. It was impossible that I should be able to speak from my own knowledge as to the sources from which Mr. Mayer obtained his papyri, and I was which Mr. Mayer obtained his papyr, and I was dependent upon his information; he was under the impression that all which were deposited in one case were purchased from Mr. Stobart, and all in another from Mr. Sams. As, however, no accurate distinction has been made, it is, probably, almost impossible now to ascribe each papyrus to its original owner. Besides a considerable number of rolls which contain only Demotic characters, it will be remembered that I have unrolled two which contain Demotic writing and Greek translation, and three very large fragments of Hieratic writing only. It would puzzle Mr. Stobart or any other gentleman to tell, from the external appearance of a roll, in what language the whole of its contents would prove to be, as in very many instances several different documents are contained one within the other. There are several papyri not yet unrolled in Mr. Mayer's Museum, which may afford confirmation of my remarks.

* * To this note we have only one or two ords to add. The facts about M. Simonides words to add. given in our article were published in Germany five or six years ago, and were not contradicted; they were reproduced in England two or three years ago, and were not then corrected. We treated these statements, therefore, as public property gave them as we found them, -and our readers can now judge whether the attempt to qualify them has been successful in any material point. Last week we disposed of the misconception of our meaning about the age of ancient Manuscripts. We were speaking of the fac-similes of M. Simonides, and our words could have no other meaning than that no such Manuscripts are known to ascend so high as the first or second century. Dr. Mordtmann can defend himself; he is certainly one of the most learned men alive; and, as a linguist, has no rivals except Lord Strangford and Mr. Alison, our minister at Teheran. We will not affront him by a word in his defence against such an assailant. M. Simonides is willing to exhibit his documents, in London, let him write to Mr. Norris, Secretary of the Royal Asiatic Society. We have no doubt the Society will give him a hearing, as the press has given him one.

OUR WEEKLY GOSSIP.

Rome, as we hear from that city, will be strongly represented at South Kensington in May, the Art Society there being all astir with life and preparation; from Saulini, who chips you a Medusa or a Hebe on a shell, to Tenerani, who strikes you a Jupiter from the rock. Among the English artists, Mr. Gibson stands alone in having no new work; he will be sufficiently represente by the sculptures already in England. His pupil, Miss Hosmer, will send a magnificent figure of Zenobia,—Mr. Cardwell will send two figures, Conquering Love and the Goddess Diana, -Mr. Shakespeare Wood, an Eleyne from a passage in the 'Idylls,' and a Boy with a Trumpet,—Mr. Spence, a large group, the Finding of Moses, a work of many years, and a single figure, Jeannie Deans, a better companion to his celebrated 'Highland Mary' than the 'Lady of the Lake,' 'Highland Mary' than the 'Lady of the Lake,' executed for Her Majesty,—Mr. Gatley, a Lion Couchant and a huge Egyptian frieze, full of heroic figures,—Mr. Adams, the Walnut Player, a classical subject. Mr. Storey, an American gentleman, whose name will be better known to English readers as a writer than as an artist, is preparing two grand figures, an African Sibyl and a Cleopatra. These works will be sure to excite interest and controversy from their freedom, poetry and originality. Mr. Mozier, also an American, will send an Indian Girl at the Grave of her Lover, a Jephtha's Daughter, and a Prodigal Son. Signor Tenerani is engaged on a memorial of Castelfidardo; but whether the Roman Government will brave the epigrams of Europe by exposing the model of this monument in London is uncertain. The veteran sculptor will be better represented by some old work. Signor Saulini s a case of cameos ready—such as will make fair bosoms beat to glance at—and among the works in this artist's hands is a head of Ocean, from his own design, but so thoroughly antique in spirit that it looks like a lost work of Phidias. It cannot fail to be a favourite in Great Britain. Mr. Macpherson and Signor Cuccioni are busy with their cameras; and we shall have, with the old photographic favourites, views of many sites scarcely, if at all, known to the English tourist.

Mr. Macpherson is said to have made a great addition to his portfolio. These are good news from Rome.

The resolution to place all our historical State Papers under one roof in Fetter Lane, and under the one charge of Mr. Hardy, has been finally taken, and is on the point of completion. All documents of an earlier date than the accession of George III. will be transferred from St. James's Park to the new Record Office, where the calendarers will in future work, and where historical readers will have free access to the papers. Documents of a later date will be kept for convenience at Whitehall, where a couple of houses have been rented for them, and where Mr. Lechmere and Mr. Lemon will have charge of them.

During the Christmas Holidays Prof. Tyndall will deliver a course of six lectures on Light, adapted to a juvenile audience, at the Royal Institution. They will commence on the 26th and be continued on the 28th and 31st inst., and January 2nd. 4th and 7th.

The Members of the Numismatic Society have recently presented a testimonial to their President, W. S. W. Vaux, Esq., on the occasion of his marriage. The testimonial consists of a copy of Walton's Bible in nine volumes, a silver inketand and a case for the books. The subscribers' names are inserted on a fly-leaf.

Drs. C. K. Ord and W. Macleod, of H.M. ships Hornet and Madagascar, have had awarded to each of them a Gold Medal, founded by the late Sir T. Blane, on the recommendation of the Director-General of the Naval Medical Department and the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Under the title of 'The Night-Flyers,' Messrs. Paul Jerrard & Son have produced a gift-book illustrative of the forms and habits of British Moths. The title is somewhat of a blunder, for the real Night-Flyers—the Nocturna—are comparatively few in number, and deficient in brilliancy and beauty. But the book—a pretty and showy one—will look gay on the Christmas table, even if it make a poor figure on the naturalist's shelves.

Messrs. Griffith & Farran publish as a Christmas book 'Spiritual Conceits,' extracted from the writings of the Fathers, the Old English Poets, &c., and illustrated by Mr. Harry Rogers,—a book for which we should have thought there would not be the smallest demand in these times. A hundred emblems of Christian life are, says the Preface, comprised in the volume. Mr. Rogers has illustrated them—most beautiful and holy many of them are -under what appears to us an entirely mistaken system, by adopting the clumsy, not to say coarse, manner of the emblematic art of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. The examples of Quarles' Emblems are of this order the most familiar to the public; but these have a humour, not irreverent, which is absent from Mr. Rogers's designs. To mistake directness of allusion for poetry and obvious incident for character were the dull characteristics of the style he would revive. Let us take but one example to see how he does his portion of duty. The Tree of Evil is seen with a serpent hanging out from its trunk against a butterfly: amongst the branches are human skulls in place of fruit. Is not this trite? Quaint, but dull in its coarse directness, is the representation of the Church endangered. By showing a cathedral (singularly like that of Salisbury) placed in a cock-boat upon a brisk sea, a dark rock in front, and a cross-bearing orb by way of buoy, he conveys the idea. Hearts, doves, butterflies, crowns, scythes, palms, serpents, masks, and all the cumbrous paraphernalia of trite allusion, are employed to rouse brains that must need hard knocks to wake them. The slow directness of the old pietist fancy loved an emblem and suspected a parable, forgetting who used the last. Such things pleased the people in old days, doubtless from an impression the emblem-dealing Church of Rome made upon the popular mind, and remaining even unsuspected, certainly unobliterated, for many years after the Reformation, may be seen in many ways of their life. In none more than in the emblematized books that have become curiosities rather than studies, such as this recent publication

attempts to revive. The book is notable as showing how the archeology-loving spirit of the day turns to even the most sapless food.

On the question of an improved system of scientific nomenclature, we may give the following notes from our correspondence:—

"The system of chemical nomenclature having been recently adverted to in your pages, I would make one remark on those names assigned to complex organic compounds which seem so preposterous to the unitiated, which are probably somewhat deterrent to the beginner, and which indeed require careful scanning before they can be quickly read aloud even by the experienced chemist. These would not look half so formidable if they were printed like other compounded words, that is, divided by hyphens into their separate elements as they have to be pronounced. Such names ("in linked sweetness long drawn out") as—Trimethyl-triethylethylenephosphammonium—succinylbisulphophenylbibenzamide—become intelligible, and can be read off at a glance, if separated into the simple words of which (in German fashion) they are built up; thus—trimethyl-triethyl-ethylenephosphammonium—succinyl-bisulphophenyl-bibenzamide. Yours, &c., F. W. GRIFFIN."

Messrs. A. & C. Black, of Edinburgh, have purchased the copyright and stock of the late Mr.

De Quincey's works.

A good reading or writing lamp has been made and published by M. Pillischer, optician, under the name of "The Queen's Lamp." The arrangements are simple, the appearance is picturesque. It is cheap and apparently durable,—burns common oil, without smell or smoke,—without offensive heat or drip, and emits a pure and steady white light. A reader has the advantage of increasing the light at pleasure, of throwing it on to his paper and shutting it off from his eyes.

The Committee of Art-Designs, which includes the names of the Marquis of Salisbury, Mr. M. Milnes, M.P., Mr. Maclise, R.A., Mr. Cole, C.B., and Mr. Digby Wyatt, are, we believe, about to throw open the class and seek aid from all owners of fine designs, be they private individuals, artists or manufacturers, and invite all possessors of drawings or models made by artists of the period (1762–1862) to which the Exhibition of Modern British Art extends, to communicate with their Secretary. It is much to be hoped that this class of Fine Art may meet with active co-operation, and that the original designs for well-known works will turn up. Works by such men as Flarman, Stothard, Baily, Pitts, Soane and Pugin would have the greatest interest. Many beautiful things have been lost from the folios of a Rundell & Bridge, the model-room of a Wedgwood, the studio of a Bacon. Yet, with the aid of collectors, some of the best may still be recovered and preserved for posterity in accessible or at least in known places.

Letters from Florence report the death, in that city, of Dr. Southwood Smith, a writer well known by his 'Illustrations of the Divine Government,' and still better known by his earnest and continuous labours as a Sanitary Reformer. Dr. Smith had nearly completed his 74th year.

Mr. Massey will publish the fourth and concluding volume of his 'History of England during the Reign of George the Third' in the course of the ensuing spring.

Mr. Wallcott wishes to explain, with reference to the omission of any notice of the detached bell-towers of Berkeley, Ledbury, Walton, &c., in his book on 'Church and Couventual Arrangement,' that the arrangement of parish churches did not enter into his design in that work.

We hear of a highly interesting literary discovery, the publication of which—near at hand—promises to create a sensation. It is nothing less than the second part of 'Candide,' and a comedy by Voltaire, which was acted at Madame Duchastellet's, and in which Voltaire himself performed a part. The genuineness of the manuscripts seems to have been established beyond a doubt by M. Octave Feuillot, Member of the Academy, and a

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well-known writer of plays. This gentleman is in the possession of a collection of Voltaire's letters, from all periods of the great philosopher's life, and was enabled, therefore, to fix the year in which Voltaire wrote the play.

The disciples of Hegel, represented several years since by the Jahrbücher der Wissenschaftlichen since by the Jarbitcher der Wissenschaftlichen Kritik, have once more a periodical organ, which bears the characteristic title, Der Gedanke. It emanates from the Philosophical Society of Berlin, founded by the leading Hegelians in 1843, but on account of serious obstacles, only commenced towards the end of last year. The celebrated Prof. Michelet is its editor, and it is conducted in Prof. Michelet is its editor, and it is conducted in a spirit of zealous propagandism, corresponding members being appointed in all parts of the world to report on the progress of German philosophy. Of late years the Hegelians have chiefly expressed their views through the medium of the Zeitschrift für Philosophie und Philosophische Kritik, a journal which, though belonging to the so-called Pseudo-Hegelian party, headed by Profs. J. H. Fichte, Weiser and Ulrici, is conducted on liberal principles and is open away to adversaries who write in ciples, and is open even to adversaries who write in a courteous manner and avoid the peculiar form of polemics introduced by the late Herr Schopenhauer. Now they have an organ of their own, in which the "right" and "left" sections of the school may each manifest a voice.

The books and pamphlets, illustrative of the troubles under Charles the First, the Commonwealth and the Restoration, formed by the late Rev. Dr. Bandinel, so universally known by being Bodleian Librarian for so many years, were sold by auction at the rooms of Messrs. Sotheby & Wilkinson during the past week, producing nearly 1,000l. Amongst the many curious works dispersed on this occasion we must be contented with citing on this occasion we must be contented with citing the following:—Prince Charles, his Letany and Prayers for the King, 2l. 15s.—Observations on Prince Rupert's White Dogge, called Boye, with other Tracts relating to the said Dog and the Prince's She-Monkey, 2l. 12s.—Earl of Bristol's Apologie, 1l. 11s.—Canterbury (Archbishop Laud), his Change of Diot, 1l. 16s.—Cavalier's New Common Prayer Book, 6l. 8s.—Collection of Pamphlets printed in the Years 1641-49, 40l.—Colchester's Teares, and twelve other curious Tracts relating to the Signe and Surgenders of Colchester. the Siege and Surrender of Colchester, 3l.—Cromwell's Declaration, &c., with the Broadside Proclamation of the Council nominating him Lord Protector, 5l. 5s.—Discours du bon et loial Sujet à la Reyne, with the Portraits, 15l.—A Series of the Proclamations issued by Charles I., 81l.—Cooper's History of the English Civil Wars in Verse, 13l.—Leycester's Civill Wars of England, 1lk.—A Collection of Tracts respecting Archbishop Laud, 10l. 10s.—Archy's Dreame, and other Tracts, relating to Laud, 13l.—A Collection of Tracts written or published by the famous John Lilburne, 4l. 10s.—A curious Collection of Tracts, including E. Browne's Time well Spent, in which is to be the Siege and Surrender of Colchester, 31 .- Crom-28. 108.—Ac curious Collection of Fracts, including E. Browne's Time well Spent, in which is to be found the last Will and Testament of Sir James Cambell, Knight, Senior Alderman of London, Citizen and Ironmonger, 12. 5s.—Middleton's Civitatis Amor on Charles, in 1616, being created Prince of Wales, 3l. 8s.—England's Comfort and Lendon's Levis the Expertainment of King Charles London's Joy in the Entertainment of King Charles at his Safe Return from Scotland, 10l. 15s.—Stirry's Rot among the Bishops, a Satire against Archbishop Laud, 8l.—A Collection of Tracts respecting the Trial and Execution of the Earl of Strafford, 9l. 15s.—The true Effigies of King Charles, Queen Mary and the Royall Progenie, a volume of extraordinary rarity, 99l.—Saltmarsh's Perfume against a Sulphurous Stinke, &c., 3l. 16s.

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read:—'On a Series for Calculating the Ratio of the Circumference of a Circle to its Diameter,' by Mr. Clarkson,- 'On the Production of Vibrations and Sounds by Electrolysis,' by Mr. Gore,—and 'On Perchloric Acid and its Hydrates,' by Mr.

BRITISH ARCHÆOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION .- Dec. 11.—G. Godwin, V.P., in the chair.—Dec. 11.—G. Godwin, V.P., in the chair.—J. Hardy, Esq., M.P., the Rev. J. B. Hughes and Mrs. Sotheby were elected Associates.—Mr. Pettigrew and Mr. Cuming made remarks on an inscribed Stone Axe found in the neighbourhood of Newark, Ohio, and considered the characters as produced by playfulness.—The Dean of Worcester forwarded by playfulness.—The Dean of Worcester forwarded the particulars of a discovery made at Worcester Cathedral, during the restorations on the north side of the chancel, by which a stone coffin had been brought to light containing the remains of a bishop, supposed to be De Constantiis, of the twelfth century.—The Rev. Mr. Kell communicated an account of the discovery of curious Roman Remains in a cattle control of the discovery of curious Roman Remains in a cutting now in progress for a railway at New-port, Isle of Wight, which will, when completed, be arranged. The same gentleman also sent for exhibition a Medallion of the Mater Dolorosa and Ecce Homo, of Italian workmanship, of the early Part of the eighteenth century, found at Netley Abbey; also a very minute gold Coin weighing 294 grains, a quarter Philippus, of Gaulish coinage, 232 grains, a quarter rimippus, or causin coinage, found at Dover. Mr. Evans gave a description of this specimen, and stated that he possessed a half coin of the same, which was found at Margate.— Dr. Palmer sent a notice of the examination of a supposed Sepulchral Mound at Stanmore, Berks.— Mr. Dewe sent a bronze Celtic Dagger-blade, with Mr. Dewe sent a bronze Center Lagger-blade, with one of the rivets remaining. It measured 7½ inches in length, and was found under a round barrow at Rowcroft, in the parish of Yottendon.—Mr. Cecil Brent exhibited a bronze Celtic Spear-head, 6 inches long, in very fine preservation, found upon deepening the furrow of a water-wheel at Chartham Papermill, Kent.-Mr. Forman exhibited a large silver Entry Rent.—Mr. Forman exhibited a large suver Bracelet, having for its centre the fine seal of Thomas Burton, Bishop of Sodor and Man, 1452—1480; the bracelet weighs 4 oz. 7 dwts.—Dr. Pridham sent a Canterbury Token of the sign of the Chequers so celebrated by Chaucer.—The Rev. Mr. Kell exhibited a Brass Tobacco-box of the seventeenth century, having engravings of the Virgin and Child, with a Dutch inscription. On the bottom is "S. Antonius Don Padua," with the infant Saviour .- Mr. Previtt exhibited a gold Venetian Zecchino, which had formed the decora-tions of the head of a Sepoy killed in the late Indian mutiny.—Dr. Palmer sent Roman Remains obtained from a Villa in Berkshire, belonging to Mr. H. Bunbury. The pottery was apparently from the Durobrivion Kilns. Horn Cores of the Hom the Duronylon kins. How cores of the Bos longifrons were also found, and a Coin of Tetricus the Elder.—Mr. Solly exhibited two fine Miniatures of Prince Henry, eldest son of James the First. They were the work of Isaac Oliver. He also exhibited a Miniature in oil on copper of James asso exhibited a Miniature in on on copper of James Stuart, the Old Pretender, which was formerly in Dr. Mead's collection.—Mr. Tugall exhibited a minute Miniature of Charles the First.—Mr. Brent produced a Miniature of Charles the Second, set in a cold in the Miniature of First D. Luk's extendit in produced a Miniature of Charles the Second, set in a gold ring, a copy of Sir P. Lely's portrait in Bridewell Hall. The remainder of the evening was occupied in the reading of and discussions on a paper 'On Ogham Inscriptions,' by Mr. Pettigrew.

ARCHEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE.—Dec. 6.—Octavius Morgan, Esq., M.P., V.P., in the chair.—This being the first Meeting of another Session, Mr. Morgan opened the proceedings with a few observations on the satisfactory progress of the Society during the previous year, alluding to the series of special exhibitions which had been formed in London, the agreeable results of the Annual Meeting held at Peterborough, and the encouraging prospects for the ensuing year at Worcester, where it had been determined that the Congress in 1862 should be held. Mr. Morgan announced also the BOYAL.—Dec. 12.—General Sabine, R.A., President, in the chair.—The following papers were

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all countries and periods.—A memoir, by Mr. G. Petrie, of Kirkwall, was read, describing the extensive chambers, of cruciform plan, discovered lately in the tumulus known as Maes How, in the Orkneys; and also of the numerous inscriptions in Runes, which are traced upon the massive slabs of which this curious structure is formed. — Lord Talbot de Malahide pointed out the striking analogy in the plan and structure of Maes How with that of certain chambered tumuli in Ireland, at that of certain chambered tunuli in Ireland, at New Grange, the Hill of Dowth, &c. In these, however, no inscriptions had been noticed.—Mr. Hewitt read a notice of some rare portions of armour, probably English.—Mr. Pritchett gave a short description of some examples of timbered houses in Sussex, on some of which he had traced inscriptions, dating as far back as the reign of Elizabeth. He also described some monumental slabs, of cast-iron, bearing epitaphs and ornaments in relief; these relics of the ancient ironfoundries in Sussex, where stone slabs, were ments in relief; these relics of the ancient ironfoundries in Sussex, where stone slabs were not readily procured, are chiefly of the beginning of the seventeenth century. Mr. Pritchett gave also an account of the bombard, a huge cannon formerly to be seen at Eridge, where it was annually fired on some rural festivity, and 5s. appropriated as a reward for bringing back the massive ball, which was thrown to a distance of about 800 yards. This curious piece of ancient artillery is no longer to be found.—Mr. Bloxham gave an account of a bronze helmet, which he sent for examination, found in 1854, by R. B. Oakley, Esq., in the river Tigris, near the line of the retreat of the 10,000 Greeks. It may, however, be a relic of the expedition of Alexander the Great and his conquest of Bactria, about B.C. 330.—Amongst conquest of Bactria, about B.C. 330 .- Amongst conquest of Bactria, about B.C. 530.—Amongst other communications were, a 'Report on the recent Excavations at Wroxeter,' by Dr. Henry Johnson,—notice of a fine mural painting in St. Gregory's Church, Norwich, of which an admirable coloured drawing was exhibited, by Robert Fitch, Esq.,—and an account of recent discoveries at Stonehenge, and of an engraved symbol or device of unknown signification, noticed on one of the fallen imposts of the trilithons, by Dr. Tate.—Col. Lefroy exhibited a very singular bronze, supposed to be of Roman work, found in railway cuttings near Basingstoke.—Some curious objects connected with the early use of fire-arms were brought by Mr. Bernhard Smith, and a collection of family documents, some fine embroideries, ancient seals, &c., by Miss Harington, of Worden.

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Thrus Philospical, 8.

Royal Institution, 3.—'Light,' Juvenile Lecture, Prof.
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Sat. Royal Institution, 2.—'Light,' Juvenile Lecture, Prof.
Tyndall.

FINE ARTS

FINE-ART GOSSIF.—Many of the artists engaged upon the frescoes in the Houses of Parliament lament the injurious effect of the immense quantity and strong hues of the stained glass in the windows lighting their works. The pictures in the Commons Corridor and Royal Gallery are seriously affected by this architectonic extravagance. The designer must have wished to get as much coloured light as must have wished to get as much coloured ight as possible, excluding all pure daylight. Consequently, the paintings are badly seen, from the deficiency of light; and, what is even a greater evil than this, their colour is completely ruined by patches of brilliant tints, which travesty the intention of the colour is the most ridical properties. painter in the most ridiculous manner. As each day progresses, bolts, bars, and oddly-shaped spaces of vivid light follow one another over the frescoes, to a result of chromatic bewilderment that is no less strange to see than annoying and discouraging to the painters. It is as difficult to comprehend why Sir Charles Barry darkened the interiors, as to why Sir Charles Barry darkened the interiors, as to discover anything like an architectural precedent for thus overcharging the windows with strong colour. No domestic buildings of the middle ages, and scarcely any of ecclesiastical character, were so loaded. The truly Gothic artists understood the function of stained glass in a far chaster spirit, and, even with unlimited means, used white glass where light alone was demanded; or, when window decoration seemed imperative, restricted them.

selves to grisaille in a far greater degree than Sir C. Barry did. We hope the latter means of decoration may be substituted for much that is really absurd and indefensible in his work. The architect's idea of colour must have been a peculiarly unfortunate one, as is felt by all who know that he actually had the whole of the interior stonework at Westminster painted of a bad drab,—to the ruin of the naturally fine tint of the stone, making it look like that of stucco, and destroying the clear sharpness of the carving.

The series of photographs from Turner's Liber Studiorum, published by Messrs. Cundall & Downes, would be more valuable if extended to embrace the whole number of seventy-one drawings made by the artist towards the one hundred of his original intention. Many more of these works are, we understand, in possession of the Trustees of the National Gallery than those already reproduced from the series at South Kensington. Is there any reason why the photographed *Liber* should not be completed for the benefit of the public and artists? Renewed examination of the series has strengthened our conviction that these marvellous works should be disseminated in the widest possible range. The publishers deserve credit for what they have done towards this end; and, aided by public authority, we hope they may complete the series in question.

The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have granted a site in the south aisle of their Cathedral for a statue of the late Bishop of London, to be erected after a design by Mr. G. Richmond.

New School-Rooms are building at Eton, in con nexion with the College, at a cost of about 10,000l. By the end of next year they will be completed, as the first tangible instalment, let us hope, towards a thorough re-modelling of the great school.

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MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITIES.

WE have received the following communications from the rival Universities, on the subject of Musical Professorships and the duties of those holding

"Is not the theory of music the fittest subject for the lectures of the Professor of Music at either University? This was the view of his duties taken by the late Dr. Crotch, most of whose lectures were, in fact, lessons on harmony. His classes were certainly attended by but few undergraduates, and eventually he gave them up. At the present day it is probable that a greater number would avail themselves of the opportunity of studying the grammar of music, though not of course one twentieth of those who so eagerly crowded the Sheldonian Theatre to hear the vocal illustrations of a lecture

which, however interesting, learned and well-written, is hardly adapted to the wants of students ;and should not the Professor's aim be the instruction of such? Murmurs may here seem ungracious when the small amount of musical nourishment supplied at the sister University is considered; but from Sir Frederick Ouseley's talents and zeal something more—at least something different—might be expected. His Inaugural Lectures were 'On the History of Music;' and he has since read papers of a more decidedly instructive character, 'On the Construction of the Organ'; 'On Form in Com-position'; 'On Fugue Writing,' and 'On Instru-mentation,' neither of much use to those who, as far as the lecturer knew, were unable to compose or write down the four parts of a chant. Such is not the normal method at the University. To the Professors of Greek, Latin, &c., it is needless to allude; but Chemistry, Botany, and even the French and some other modern languages are there taught, not merely lectured on agreeably. Could eight or ten young men, or even fewer, be gathered together each term at a lecture upon harmony, they might become afterwards a useful sprinkling of theorists in the large class of singing curates.

"Yours, &c., P. P." We are hardly prepared to admit that the Professorship of an art which can only take an accessory place in academical studies, involves the necessity of giving elementary lessons, or that it would be possible under the circumstances to furnish more than the merest smattering of knowledge, to those who relied on such discourses for their musical education. A course of solfeggi would be as essential to the well-doing of singing curates "as the knowledge" how "to compose or write down the four parts of a chant." The second letter speaks for itself, and, we have no doubt, states the facts of the case correctly from the writer's point of view :-

" Cambridge "Allow me to correct a misapprehension that must arise in many or most of your readers from your remarks on Sir Frederick Ouseley's late visit to Cambridge. 1. The Lecture was not given to the University, but to a private Society, and therefore rather without than within the province of our own Professor; and it was only on that circumstance being distinctly understood that Sir Frederick himself, after much hesitation, consented to give his Lecture. 2. Away with 'sinecures' by all means; but is it generally known that our Musical Professorship is 'honorary' also? And how can the University expect to obtain from a non-resident, unpaid Professor what it never received when he was resident? Let the University take the initiative. Let it express real substantial interest in the matter, and our distinguished Professor will perform all duty that may be imposed upon him, and more. But while it can make new Chairs, and add new comforts to those in existence, all the while preserving to that of Music, and to that alone, the distinction of 'honorary' neglect, we can have no claim on services declined. 3. The fact is, that Prof. Bennett has already expressed his wish to give us lectures, but his preliminary question is, where are they to be given? He has received no answer at present. At Oxford the Professor of Music can assert his right to a local habitation; at Cambridge we can only give him a name.

"Allow me to add, that Prof. Bennett has refused scarcely one of many invitations he has received to conduct performances of the principal musical societies in Cambridge, sometimes accompanied by a strong auxiliary of professionals brought down at his own expense. This naturally makes us scrupulous about inviting him still more often, as we should wish. "De mortuis nil nisi bonum." Prof. Bennett has been far more mixed up with musical affairs in Cambridge than his resident pre-I am, &c., decessors. CANTOR

With regard to the facts of the Musical Lecture given in Cambridge by the Oxford Professor, it must be recollected that our comment was on regret expressed in print by one who, it may be presumed, wrote from Cambridge.—It seems clear that some advantage of position, at least, must appertain to the Professorship of Music at

Cambridge, else it would hardly be accepted by any musician of distinction.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP .- This week has been one of mournful silence in London. The second performance of the 'Messiah,' by the Sacred Harmonic Society, to have been given last night, in which Mr. Haigh was to have sung the tenor music, did not take place.

The sixth of Herr Pauer's Selections of Piano. forte Music included a Sonata by Cherubini. series (which was one of no ordinary interest) is to be repeated early in the year at Willis's Rooms.

At last week's performance of Gluck's 'Orpheus,' in Manchester, as concert-music, by Mr. C. Halle, Madame Sainton-Dolby took the principal part.
This week Mr. H. Leslie's Choir was to go down there

Our Glasgow friends of the Choral Union announce for New Year's Day a Sacred Morning and a Secular Evening Concert. The programmes of both are good: of the former, particularly so. The innovation (for such it may be called) of introducing instrumental symphonies into sacred conis to be approved; though the symphony selected-Beethoven's, in c-is more joyous in character than can be considered as in harmony with psalms and selections from oratorios. Mr. Lambeth's setting of the 'By the Waters of Baby. lon' is to be repeated.
'Les Recruteurs,' the new opera by M. Lefébure

Wely, produced a few days ago at the Opéra Comique of Paris, seems to have "missed fire."—Méhul's 'Joseph' (which as an opera we are unable to relish, in spite of its fame in foreign parts) is to be revived

at the Théâtre Lyrique.

MISCELLANEA

Cambrian and Border Literature. good enough some time since to call attention to my collection of Cambrian and Border County Literature; and also to my intention of publishing a Catalogue of the same. I have devoted the whole of my spare time in 1859, 1860 and 1861, to a compilation of the proposed work, and now have the satisfaction of saying that the full titles of four thousand volumes have been copied in manuscript; and that the whole of the duplicates, necessarily found in such a collection, have been weeded out and put aside for sale. I have been at work on this collection for twenty years, and my experience has shown what must, I think, be obvious to col-lectors, that next to "scarce works" the greatest difficulty lies in getting together Welsh Magazines, and in completing sets of them. I shall have to reprint some odd numbers of several to perfect sets, and before I do so I venture, in the interest of Literature, to suggest that some effort should at once be made to fix a clear and definite period down to which the collector may with something like satisfaction confine himself. With this view, I think it must be useful to have supplied through the press a concise list of defunct and existing Welsh Serials. And that collectors should then address themselves, through some committee, to publishers of existing works, asking them to close the running series of Serials at the end of 1862; commencing with January 1863 new and distinct series of their respective works. I have no doubt, but that this must be a wise thing to them in a commercial point of view, for it must act as a stimulant to two classes: the collector of the present day in making his collection perfect; the collector of the coming generation who, with a new literary period at his command, would be induced to buy all up, from a desire to get together perfect and complete sets of current literature. I write this letter with considerable diffidence; but I am 80 persuaded of the necessity for some such effort as that indicated, that I have ventured to ask you to lend your valuable aid in bringing it about.

E. R. G. SALISBURY. Glas-Aber, Chester, Dec. 7, 1861.

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** At the moment of going to press, we have received, from the Author of 'Whitefriars,' a reply to Capt. Mayne Reid, on the subject of the 'Octoroon.' It is unavoidably postponed until next week.

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